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Subject: Contract Between the United States and Madera Irrigation District Hidden Unit (District)
Providing for Project Water Service From Friant Division and for Facilities
Repayment – Contract No. 14-06-200-4020E – Central Valley Project, California

Dear Mr. Janzen:

Enclosed is an executed original of the subject contract for your records. The Bureau of Reclamation appreciates the effort expended by the Madera Irrigation District Hidden Unit and its representatives relative to this contract.

If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Kim Beck, Repayment Specialist, at 916-978-5257 or e-mail kabeck@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

FOR

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Regional Director

Enclosure

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Central Valley Project, California

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE FROM
HIDDEN UNIT AND
FOR FACILITIES REPAYMENT

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5 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
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8 PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE FROM
9 HIDDEN UNIT AND
10 FACILITIES REPAYMENT

11 THIS CONTRACT, made this 29th day of December, 2010, is entered
12 into pursuant to the Act of June 17, 1902, (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory or supplementary
13 thereto, including but not limited to: the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844), as amended and
14 supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented, July 2, 1956 (70
15 Stat. 483), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1262), October 27, 1986 (100
16 Stat. 3050), as amended, Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706), and Title
17 X, Subtitle A, of the Act of March 30, 2009 (123 Stat. 1349), also referred to as the San Joaquin
18 River Restoration Settlement Act hereinafter referred to as SJRRSA, all collectively hereinafter
19 referred to as Federal Reclamation law, between THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
20 hereinafter referred to as the United States and MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, hereinafter
21 referred to as the Contractor, a public agency of the State of California, duly organized, existing,
22 and acting pursuant to the laws thereof, with its principal place of business in California;

23 WITNESSETH, That

24 EXPLANATORY RECITALS

25 [1st] WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Central Valley
26 Project, California, for diversion, storage, carriage, distribution and beneficial use, for flood

control, irrigation, municipal, domestic, industrial, fish and wildlife mitigation, protection and restoration, generation and distribution of electric energy, salinity control, navigation and other beneficial uses, of waters of the Sacramento River, the American River, the Trinity River, and the San Joaquin River and their tributaries; and

[2nd] WHEREAS, pursuant to Title II of the Flood Control Act of October 23, 1962 (76 Stat. 1180), and supporting documents, the United States constructed Hidden Dam on the Fresno River (thereby creating Hensley Lake), hereinafter referred to as the Hidden Unit, which is operated by the Corps of Engineers for flood control, recreation and other incidental uses; and

[3rd] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor entered into Contract Number 14-06-200-4020A, as amended, providing the Contractor the right to the entire yield from the Hidden Unit available for conservation purposes from August 5, 1962 through February 28, 1994; and

[4th] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States have, pursuant to subsection 3404(c)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), subsequently entered into interim renewal contract(s), identified as Contract Number (s) 14-06-200-4020A-IR2, IR3, IR4, and IR5, which provided for the continued water service to Contractor from March 1, 1995 through February 28, 2001, and subsequently entered into a long-term renewal contract, identified as Contract Number 14-06-200-4020A-LTR1, which provided for continued water service to Contractor through February 28, 2026, which was amended January 22, 2007, and is herein referred to as the "Existing Contract"; and

47 [5th] WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8 of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), the
48 United States has acquired water rights and other rights to the flows of the Fresno River,
49 including without limitation the permits issued as the result of Decision 1407 by the California
50 State Water Resource Control Board pursuant to which the Contracting Officer develops, diverts,
51 stores and delivers Project Water stored or flowing through Hensley Lake in accordance with
52 State and Federal law for the benefit of the Contractor in the Hidden Unit and for other specified
53 Project purposes; and

54 [6th] WHEREAS, the water supplied to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract is
55 Project Water developed through the exercise of the rights described in the fifth (5th) Explanatory
56 Recital of this Contract; and

57 [7th] WHEREAS, as a result of litigation entitled “Natural Resources Defense Council,
58 et al. v Kirk Rogers, et al.” No. CIV-S-88-1658LLK/GGH, certain contractors from the Friant
59 Division entered into a Stipulation of Settlement dated September 13, 2006, (the “Settlement”),
60 which settlement prescribes a Restoration Goal and a Water Management Goal and which
61 Settlement was subsequently confirmed and implemented through the SJRRSA; and

62 [8th] WHEREAS, the SJRRSA authorizes and directs the Secretary to convert the
63 Existing Contract to a repayment contract under subsection (d) of Section 9 of the Act of August
64 4, 1939, no later than December 31, 2010, and further directs that such contract shall require the
65 accelerated repayment of the Contractor’s allocated share of construction costs, either as a lump
66 sum payment by January 31, 2011 or in annual installments by January 31, 2014, which funds
67 will in turn be made available for implementation of the Settlement and SJRRSA, and which

costs otherwise would have been payable through annual water rates, with full repayment by 2030; and

[9th] WHEREAS, such repayment of costs will assist the United States with implementation of actions required under the Settlement and the SJRRSA and provide the Contractor the benefits provided in Section 10010 of the SJRRSA; and

[10th] WHEREAS, subsection (4) of Section 1 of the Act of July 2, 1956 (1956 Act) directs the Secretary to provide that the other party to any contract entered into pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 9 of the Act of August 4, 1939 (repayment contract) or pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 9 of the Act of August 4, 1939 (water service contract) shall "have the first right (to which the rights of the holders of any other type of irrigation water contract shall be subordinate) to a stated share or quantity of the project's available water supply for beneficial use on the irrigable lands within the boundaries of, or owned by, the party and a permanent right to such share or quantity upon completion of payment of the amount assigned for ultimate return" by the contractor subject to fulfillment of all obligations under the contract; and

[11th] WHEREAS, among other things, this Contract includes provisions granting the Contractor the permanent right to the entire yield from the Hidden Unit available for conservation purposes as described in the tenth (10th) Explanatory Recital; and

[12th] WHEREAS, the Contractor has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the Contractor has utilized the Project Water supplies available to it for reasonable and beneficial use and/or has demonstrated projected future demand for water use such that the Contractor has the capability and expects to utilize fully for reasonable and

beneficial use the quantity of Project Water to be made available to it pursuant to this Contract;
and

[13th] WHEREAS, water obtained from the Central Valley Project has been relied upon
by urban and agricultural areas within California for more than fifty (50) years and is considered
by the Contractor as an essential portion of its water supply; and

[14th] WHEREAS, the economies of regions within the Central Valley Project,
including the Contractor's, depend upon the continued availability of water, including water
service from the Central Valley Project; and

[15th] WHEREAS, the Secretary intends through coordination, cooperation, and
partnerships to pursue measures to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability of the
Project for all Project purposes; and

[16th] WHEREAS, the mutual goals of the United States and the Contractor include: to
provide for reliable Project Water supplies; to control costs of those supplies; to achieve
repayment of the Central Valley Project as required by law; to guard reasonably against Project
Water shortages; to achieve a reasonable balance among competing demands for use of Project
Water; and to comply with all applicable environmental statutes, all consistent with the legal
obligations of the United States relative to the Central Valley Project; and

[17th] Omitted; and

[18th] Omitted; and

[19th] WHEREAS, the United States has determined that the Contractor has fulfilled all
of its obligations under the Existing Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants herein contained, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. When used herein, unless otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the intent of the parties as expressed in this Contract, the term:

(a) "Additional Capital Obligation" shall mean any additional construction costs or other capitalized costs incurred after the effective date of this Contract or not reflected in the Existing Capital Obligation as provided in Section 10010(a)(3)(B) of the SJRRSA and any amounts payable by Contractor as determined through the final adjustment described and required by Section 10010(b) of the SJRRSA;

(b) "Calendar Year" shall mean the period January 1 through December 31, both dates inclusive;

(c) "Charges" shall mean the payments required by Federal Reclamation law in addition to the Rates and Tiered Pricing Components specified in this Contract as determined annually by the Contracting Officer pursuant to this Contract and consistent with the SJRRSA;

(d) Omitted;

(e) Omitted;

(f) Omitted;

(g) "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior's duly authorized representative acting pursuant to this Contract or applicable Federal Reclamation law or regulation;

(h) "Contract Total" shall mean the amount of Project Water to which the Contractor is entitled under subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract and is the stated share or quantity of Water to which the Contractor will have a permanent right in accordance with the 1956 Act and the terms of this Contract, upon the Contractor's complete payment of the Repayment Obligation, notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, which right shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor fulfills all of its obligations under this Contract;

(i) "Contractor's Service Area" shall mean the area to which the Contractor is permitted to provide Project Water under this Contract as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which may be modified from time to time in accordance with Article 36 of this Contract without amendment of this Contract;

(j) "CVPIA" shall mean the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706);

(j2) "District Engineer" shall mean the District Engineer, United States Army Corps of Engineers, or his authorized representative;

(k) "Eligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may be delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the Reclamation Reform Act of October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263), as amended, hereinafter referred to as RRA;

(l) "Excess Lands" shall mean all lands in excess of the limitations contained in Section 204 of the RRA, other than those lands exempt from acreage limitation under Federal Reclamation law;

(m) "Existing Capital Obligation" shall mean the remaining amount of construction costs of the Contractor identified in the Central Valley Project Irrigation Water Rates and/or Municipal and Industrial Water Rates, respectively, dated January 25, 2007, as adjusted to reflect payments not reflected in such schedule, pursuant to Section 10010(a)(3)(A) of the SJRRSA. The Contracting Officer has computed the Existing Capital Obligation in a manner consistent with the SJRRSA and such amount is set forth in Exhibits "C-1" and "C-2", incorporated herein by reference;

(n) "Financing Costs", for purposes of computing the reduction of certain charges as specified in subdivision (c) of Article 7 of this Contract, shall mean the difference between the net present value of the Existing Capital Obligation discounted using the full Treasury rate and the Existing Capital Obligation discounted using one-half the Treasury rate, as set forth in Section 10010(d)(3) of the SJRRSA;

(o) "Full Cost Rate" shall mean that water rate described in Sections 205(a)(3) or 202(3) of the RRA, whichever is applicable;

(p) "Ineligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may not be delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the RRA;

(q) "Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate" shall have the same meaning as "full cost" as that term is used in Paragraph (3) of Section 202 of the RRA;

(r) "Irrigation Water" shall mean water made available from the Project that is used primarily in the production of agricultural crops or livestock, including domestic use incidental thereto, and watering of livestock. Irrigation water shall not include water used for the

173 purposes such as the watering of landscaping or pasture for animals (e.g., horses) which are kept
174 for personal enjoyment or water delivered to landholdings operated in units of less than five (5)
175 acres unless the Contractor establishes to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the use
176 of the water delivered to any such landholding is a use described in this subdivision of this
177 Article of this Contract;

178 (s) "Landholder" shall mean a party that directly or indirectly owns or leases
179 nonexempt land, as provided in 43 CFR 426.2;

180 (t) Omitted;

181 (u) Omitted.

182 (v) "Municipal & Industrial (M&I) Full Cost Water Rate" shall mean the
183 annual rate, which, as determined by the Contracting Officer, shall amortize the expenditures for
184 construction allocable to Project M&I facilities in service, including, O&M deficits funded, less
185 payments, over such periods as may be required under Federal Reclamation law with interest
186 accruing from the dates such costs were first incurred plus the applicable rate for the O&M of
187 such Project facilities. Interest rates used in the calculation of the M&I Full Cost Rate shall
188 comply with the Interest Rate methodology contained in Section 202(3) (B) and (C) of the RRA;

189 (w) "Operation and Maintenance" or "O&M" shall mean normal and
190 reasonable care, control, operation, repair, replacement (other than Capital replacement), and
191 maintenance of Project facilities;

192 (x) Omitted;

(y) "Other Water" shall mean water from the Project other than Irrigation Water as described in subdivision (r) of this Article of this Contract, which is used for a purpose that is considered to be an irrigation use pursuant to State law such as the watering of landscaping or pasture for animals (e.g., horse) which are kept for the personal enjoyment. For purposes of this Contract, Other Water shall be paid for at Rates and Charges identical to those established for M&I water pursuant to the then-existing M&I Ratesetting Policy;

(y2) "Prior-Rights Water" shall mean that portion of the inflow to Hensley Lake which flows through or is released from Hidden Dam in recognition of prior downstream Fresno River water rights of the Contractor and others, subject to any necessary new water rights permit or permit revisions and in accordance with any applicable agreements relating to the operation of the Hidden Unit and approved by the Contracting Officer and the State Water Resources Control Board, as necessary;

(z) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United States and managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation;

(aa) "Project Contractors" shall mean all parties who have a long-term water service contract or repayment contract for Project Water from the Project with the United States pursuant to Federal Reclamation law;

(bb) "Project Water" shall mean all water that is developed, diverted, stored, or delivered by the Secretary in accordance with the statutes authorizing the Project and in accordance with the terms and conditions of water rights acquired pursuant to California law;

(cc) "Rates" shall mean the payments determined annually by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the then-existing applicable water ratesetting policies for the Project, as described in subdivision (a) of Article 7 of this Contract and illustrated in Exhibit "B", attached hereto;

(dd) Omitted;

(ee) "Repayment Obligation", as provided in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of Article 7 of this Contract, shall be the Existing Capital Obligation, as defined herein, discounted by one-half of the Treasury rate and computed consistent with the provisions of Section 10010(a)(3)(A) of the SJRRSA to be paid as either a lump sum payment by January 31, 2011 or in approximately equal annual installments by January 31, 2014;

(ff) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior, a duly appointed successor, or an authorized representative acting pursuant to any authority of the Secretary and through any agency of the Department of the Interior;

(gg) "Settlement" shall mean the Stipulation of Settlement dated September 13, 2006, the Order Approving Stipulation of Settlement, and the Judgment and further orders issued by the Court pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Settlement in Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. v. Rodgers, et al., No. CIV-S-88-1658 LLJ/GGH;

(hh) "Tiered Pricing Component" shall be the incremental amount to be paid for each acre-foot of Water Delivered as described in subdivision (l)(1) of Article 7 of this Contract;

(ii) "Water Delivered" or "Delivered Water" shall mean Project Water diverted for use by the Contractor at Hidden Dam, other than Prior-Rights Water, and for pricing purposes shall be 24,000 acre-feet per Year;

(jj) Omitted;

(kk) Omitted;

(ll) Omitted;

(mm) "Year" shall mean the period from and including March 1 of each Calendar Year through the last day of February of the following Calendar Year.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONTRACT

2. (a) This Contract shall become effective on the date first hereinabove written and shall continue so long as the Contractor is making the annual payments required herein and paying any other amounts owing under this Contract and applicable law, unless it is terminated by the Contracting Officer by reason of a material uncured breach by the Contractor; Provided, That the Contracting Officer shall not seek to terminate this Contract by reason of an asserted material uncured breach by the Contractor unless it has first provided at least sixty (60) days written notice of the asserted breach to the Contractor and the Contractor has failed to cure such breach (or to diligently commence curative actions satisfactory to the Contracting Officer for a breach that cannot be fully cured within sixty (60) days) within the sixty (60)-day notice period; Provided further, That this Contract may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of the parties hereto.

253 (b) Upon complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the Contractor,
254 and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, the Tiered
255 Pricing Component as that term is utilized in this Contract, the acreage limitations, reporting, and
256 Full Cost pricing provisions of Federal Reclamation law, and subdivisions (k), (l), (o) through
257 (q), (s), and (v) of Article 1, subdivisions (a)(2)(A), (l)(1), (l)(2), and (l)(3) of Article 7, Article
258 14, subdivision (a) of Article 18, and Article 25, all of this Contract, shall no longer be
259 applicable to the Contractor. Upon complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the
260 Contractor, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established,
261 the terms of this Contract shall be as provided in the restated contract attached hereto as Exhibit
262 "E", which has been prepared solely as a matter of administrative convenience. Exhibit "E"
263 makes no substantive revisions other than those required by this subdivision of this Article of
264 this Contract. Accordingly, upon complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the
265 Contractor, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established,
266 the parties shall refer to Exhibit "E" as their entire agreement under this Contract.

267 (c) This Contract supersedes in its entirety and is intended to replace in full
268 the Existing Contract; Provided, That if this Contract is terminated or determined to be invalid or
269 unenforceable for any reason other than a material uncured breach of this Contract by the
270 Contractor, the Existing Contract shall not be superseded and shall be in full force and effect.

271 WATER TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND DELIVERED TO THE CONTRACTOR

272 3. (a) During each Year, consistent with all applicable State water rights,
273 permits, and licenses, Federal law, the Settlement including the SJRRSA, and subject to the

provisions set forth in Articles 12 and 13 of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall make available for delivery to the Contractor the entire quantity of Project Water from the Hidden Unit for irrigation purposes. The quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractor in accordance with this subdivision shall be paid for pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of this Contract.

(b) Upon complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the Contractor, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, the Contractor shall have a permanent right to the Contract Total in accordance with the 1956 Act and the terms of this Contract. This right shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor fulfills all of its obligations hereunder. The quantity of water made available for delivery in any given Year shall remain subject to the terms and conditions of subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract.

(c) The Contractor shall utilize the Project Water in accordance with all applicable legal requirements.

(d) The Contractor shall make reasonable and beneficial use of all Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract. Groundwater recharge programs, groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted within the Contractor's Service Area which are consistent with applicable State law and result in use consistent with applicable Federal Reclamation law will be allowed; Provided, That any direct recharge program(s) is (are) described in the Contractor's Water Conservation Plan submitted

pursuant to Article 27 of this Contract; Provided further, That such Water Conservation Plan demonstrates sufficient lawful uses exist in the Contractor's Service Area so that using a long-term average, the quantity of Project Water delivered pursuant to this Contract is demonstrated to be reasonable for such uses and in compliance with Federal Reclamation law. Groundwater recharge programs, groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted outside the Contractor's Service Area may be permitted upon written approval of the Contracting Officer, which approval will be based upon environmental documentation, Project Water rights, and Project operational concerns. The Contracting Officer will address such concerns in regulations, policies, or guidelines.

(e) The Contractor, through this Contract, shall comply with requirements applicable to the Contractor in biological opinion(s) prepared as a result of the consultation regarding the execution of the Existing Contract undertaken pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, as well as the requirements of any other biological opinions applicable to Project Water delivery under this Contract, that are within the Contractor's legal authority to implement. The Contractor shall comply with the limitations or requirements imposed by environmental documentation applicable to the Contractor and within its legal authority to implement regarding specific activities. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Contractor from challenging or seeking judicial relief in a court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any biological opinion or other environmental documentation referred to in this Article of this Contract.

(f) Omitted.

(g) Omitted.

(h) The Contractor's right pursuant to Federal Reclamation law and applicable State law to the reasonable and beneficial use of the Contract Total pursuant to this Contract shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor shall fulfill all of its obligations under this Contract. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall affect the Contracting Officer's ability to impose shortages under Article 12 or Article 13 of this Contract.

(i) Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract may be delivered for purposes other than those described in subdivisions (r) and (y) of Article 1 of this Contract upon written approval by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the terms and conditions of such approval.

(j) The Contracting Officer shall make reasonable efforts to protect the water rights and other rights described in the fifth (5th) Explanatory Recital of this Contract and to provide the water available under this Contract. The Contracting Officer shall not object to participation by the Contractor, in the capacity and to the extent permitted by law, in administrative proceedings related to the water rights and other rights described in the fifth (5th) Explanatory Recital of this Contract; Provided however, That the Contracting Officer retains the right to object to the substance of the Contractor's position in such a proceeding. Provided further, that in such proceedings the Contracting Officer shall recognize the Contractor has a legal right under the terms of this Contract to use Project Water.

(k) Omitted.

(l) Omitted.

(m) Nothing in this Contract, nor any action or inaction of the Contractor or Contracting Officer in connection with the implementation of this Contract, is intended to override, modify, supersede or otherwise interfere with any term or condition of the water rights and other rights referred in the fifth (5th) Explanatory Recital of this Contract.

(n) Omitted.

(o) Omitted.

RESERVOIR OPERATION – USE AND SALE OF WATER

4. (a) At the request of the Contractor, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the United States, acting through the District Engineer, shall store, regulate, and/or release all flows of Fresno River water at the Hidden Unit subject to the regulation of the Hidden Unit for flood control, as conclusively determined by the District Engineer, and further subject to Prior-Rights Water releases and the maintenance of a minimum pool of five thousand (5,000) acre-feet of water in Hensley Lake for recreational and incidental uses.

(b) Project Water delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be used as Irrigation Water or Other Water only and shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of for use outside the Contractor's Service Area without the written approval of the Contracting Officer.

POINT OF DIVERSION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER

5. (a) Project Water delivered pursuant to this Contract shall be delivered to the Contractor at Hidden Dam.

(b) Omitted.

(c) The Contractor shall not deliver Project Water to land outside the Contractor's Service Area unless approved in advance by the Contracting Officer. Until complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the Contractor, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, the Contractor shall deliver Project Water in accordance with applicable acreage limitations, reporting, and Full Cost pricing provisions of Federal Reclamation law and any applicable land classification provisions of the associated regulations.

(d) Project Water delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be measured and recorded with equipment furnished, installed, operated, and maintained by the United States at the point of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract. Upon the request of either party to this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall investigate, or cause to be investigated, the accuracy of such measurements and shall take any necessary steps to adjust any errors appearing therein. For any period of time when accurate measurements have not been made, the Contracting Officer shall consult with the Contractor prior to making a final determination of the quantity delivered for that period of time.

(e) The Contracting Officer shall not be responsible for the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Project Water delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract beyond the delivery point specified in subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify the United States, its officers, employees, agents, and assigns on account of damage or claim of damage of any nature whatsoever for which there is

378 legal responsibility, including property damage, personal injury, or death arising out of or
379 connected with the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of such Project
380 Water beyond such delivery point, except for any damage or claim arising out of: (i) acts or
381 omissions of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, with
382 the intent of creating the situation resulting in any damage or claim; (ii) willful misconduct of the
383 Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns; (iii) negligence of the
384 Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns; or (iv) damage or claims
385 resulting from a malfunction of facilities owned and/or operated by the United States.

386 (f) The Contractor shall maintain a surface water measurement program
387 satisfactory to the Contracting Officer to provide for the operation of the Hidden Unit facilities
388 without interference to established rights including correlative rights easterly of the
389 Eastside-Chowchilla Canal Bypass and keep records of data obtained from such program
390 satisfactory to the Contracting Officer.

391 MEASUREMENT OF WATER WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA

392 6. (a) The Contractor has established a measurement program satisfactory to the
393 Contracting Officer; all surface water delivered for irrigation purposes within the Contractor's
394 Service Area is measured at each agricultural turnout; and Other Water delivered by the
395 Contractor is measured at each service connection. The water measuring devices or water
396 measuring methods of comparable effectiveness must be acceptable to the Contracting Officer.
397 The Contractor shall be responsible for installing, operating, and maintaining and repairing all
398 such measuring devices and implementing all such water measuring methods at no cost to the

399 United States. The Contractor shall use the information obtained from such water measuring
400 devices or water measuring methods to ensure its proper management of the water, to bill water
401 users for water delivered by the Contractor; and, if applicable, to record water delivered as Other
402 Water. Nothing herein contained, however, shall preclude the Contractor from establishing and
403 collecting any charges, assessments, or other revenues authorized by California law.

404 (b) To the extent the information has not otherwise been provided, upon
405 execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall provide to the Contracting Officer a written
406 report describing the measurement devices or water measuring methods being used or to be used
407 to implement subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract and identifying the agricultural
408 turnouts and the Other Water service connections or alternative measurement programs approved
409 by the Contracting Officer, at which such measurement devices or water measuring methods are
410 being used, and, if applicable, identifying the locations at which such devices and/or methods are
411 not yet being used including a time schedule for implementation at such locations. The
412 Contracting Officer shall advise the Contractor in writing within sixty (60) days as to the
413 adequacy of, and necessary modifications, if any, of the measuring devices or water measuring
414 methods identified in the Contractor's report and if the Contracting Officer does not respond in
415 such time, they shall be deemed adequate. If the Contracting Officer notifies the Contractor that
416 the measuring devices or methods are inadequate, the parties shall within sixty (60) days
417 following the Contracting Officer's response, negotiate in good faith the earliest practicable date
418 by which the Contractor shall modify said measuring devices and/or measuring methods as

required by the Contracting Officer to ensure compliance with subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract.

(c) All new surface water delivery systems installed within the Contractor's Service Area after the effective date of this Contract shall also comply with the measurement provisions described in subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract.

(d) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the State of California in writing by April 30 of each Year of the annual volume of Irrigation Water and Other Water delivered within the Contractor's Service Area during the previous Year.

(e) Omitted.

RATES, METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER,
AND ACCELERATED REPAYMENT OF FACILITIES

7. (a) The Contractor's cost obligations for all Delivered Water shall be determined in accordance with: (i) the Secretary's ratesetting policy for Irrigation Water adopted in 1988 and the Secretary's then-existing ratesetting policy for M&I water, consistent with the SJRRSA, and such ratesetting policies shall be amended, modified, or superseded only through a public notice and comment procedure; (ii) applicable Federal Reclamation law and associated rules and regulations, or policies; and (iii) other applicable provisions of this Contract.

(1) The Contractor shall pay the United States as provided for in this Article of this Contract for the Delivered Water at Rates and Charges determined in accordance with policies for Irrigation Water and M&I water. The Contractor's Rates shall be established to recover its estimated reimbursable costs included in the O&M component of the Rate and amounts established to recover other charges and deficits, other than the construction costs. The

441 Rates for O&M costs and Charges shall be adjusted, as appropriate, in accordance with the
442 provisions of the SJRRSA.

443 (2) In accordance with the SJRRSA, the Contractor's allocable share
444 of Project construction costs will be repaid pursuant to the provisions of this Contract.

445 (A) The amount due and payable to the United States, pursuant
446 to the SJRRSA, shall be the Repayment Obligation. The Repayment Obligation has been
447 computed by the Contracting Officer in a manner consistent with the SJRRSA and is set forth,
448 both as a lump sum payment payable by January 31, 2011 and as four (4) approximately equal
449 annual installments, which amounts together with the manner in which such amounts were
450 calculated are set forth in Exhibits "C-1" and "C-2". The Repayment Obligation is due in lump
451 sum by January 31, 2011 or in approximate equal annual installments by January 31, 2014, as
452 provided by the SJRRSA. The Contractor must provide appropriate notice to the Contracting
453 Officer in writing not later than thirty (30) days prior to January 31, 2011 if electing to repay the
454 amount due using the lump sum alternative. If such notice is not provided by such date, the
455 Contractor shall be deemed to have elected the installment payment alternative, in which case,
456 the first such payment shall be made no later than May 1, 2011, the second payment shall be
457 made no later than the first anniversary of the first payment date, the third payment shall be made
458 no later than the second anniversary of the first payment date, and the final payment shall be
459 made no later than January 31, 2014. If the installment payment option is elected by the
460 Contractor, the Contractor may pre-pay the remaining portion of the Repayment Obligation by
461 giving the Contracting Officer sixty (60) days written notice, in which case, the Contracting

Officer shall re-compute the remaining amount due to reflect the pre-payment using the same methodology as was used to compute the initial annual installment payment amount, which is illustrated in Exhibit "C-2". Upon complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the Contractor, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, the Contractor shall be fully and permanently released from any obligation to pay and shall be deemed to have fully satisfied, the Existing Capital Obligation.

(B) Project construction costs or other capitalized costs attributable to capital additions to the Project incurred after the effective date of this Contract or that are not reflected in the schedules referenced in Exhibits "C-1" and "C-2" and properly assignable to the Contractor, shall be repaid as prescribed by the SJRRSA without interest except as required by law. Consistent with Federal Reclamation law, interest shall continue to accrue on the M&I portion of unpaid Project construction costs or other capitalized cost assigned to the Contractor until such costs are paid. Increases or decreases in Project construction costs or other capitalized costs assigned to the Contractor caused solely by annual adjustment of Project construction costs or other capitalized costs assigned to each Central Valley Project contractor by the Secretary shall not be considered in determining the amounts to be paid pursuant to this subdivision (a)(2)(B), but will be considered under subdivision (b) of this Article. A separate repayment agreement shall be established by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer to accomplish repayment of all additional Project construction costs or other capitalized costs assigned to the Contractor within the timeframe prescribed by the SJRRSA subject to the following:

(1) If the collective annual Project construction costs or other capitalized costs that are incurred after the effective date of this Contract and properly assignable to the contractors are less than \$5,000,000, then the portion of such costs properly assignable to the Contractor shall be repaid in not more than five (5) years after notification of the allocation. This amount is the result of a collective annual allocation of Project construction costs to the contractors exercising contract conversions; Provided, That the reference to the amount of \$5,000,000 shall not be a precedent in any other context.

(2) If the collective annual Project construction costs or other capitalized costs that are incurred after the effective date of this Contract and properly assignable to the contractors are \$5,000,000 or greater, then the portion of such costs properly assignable to the Contractor shall be repaid as provided by applicable Federal Reclamation law. This amount is the result of a collective annual allocation of Project construction costs to the contractors exercising contract conversions; Provided, That the reference to the amount of \$5,000,000 shall not be a precedent in any other context.

(b) Consistent with Section 10010(b) of the SJRRSA, following a final cost allocation by the Secretary upon completion of the construction of the Central Valley Project, the amounts paid by the Contractor shall be subject to adjustment to reflect the effect of any reallocation of Project construction costs or other capitalized costs assigned to the Contractor that may have occurred between the determination of Contractor's Existing Capital Obligation and the final cost allocation. In the event that the final cost allocation, as determined by the Secretary, indicates that the costs properly assignable to the Contractor, as determined by the

Contracting Officer, are greater than the Existing Capital Obligation and other amounts of Project construction costs or other capitalized costs paid by the Contractor, then the Contractor shall be obligated to pay the remaining allocated costs. The term of such additional repayment contract shall be no less than one (1) year and no more than ten (10) years, however, mutually agreeable provisions regarding the rate of repayment of such amount may be developed by the parties. In the event that the final cost allocation, as determined by the Secretary, indicates that the costs properly assignable to the Contractor, as determined by the Contracting Officer, are less than the Existing Capital Obligation and other amounts of Project construction costs or other capitalized costs paid by the Contractor, then the Contracting Officer shall credit such overpayment as an offset against any outstanding or future obligation of the Contractor, consistent with the SJRRSA. This Contract shall be implemented in a manner consistent with Section 10010(f) of the SJRRSA.

(c) Prior to July 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor an estimate of the Charges for Project Water that will be applied to the period October 1, of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and the basis for such estimate. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two (2) months to review and comment on such estimates. On or before September 15 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing of the Charges to be in effect during the period October 1 of the current Calendar Year, through September 30 of the following Calendar Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B". Charges shall be subject to

524 reduction consistent with the SJRRSA based upon the average annual delivery amount agreed to
525 by the Contracting Officer and the Contractor.

526 (1) Upon complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the
527 Contractor, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established,
528 for the years 2020 through 2039 inclusive, outstanding or future obligations of the Contractor
529 shall be reduced consistent with Section 10010(d)(2) of the SJRRSA. The amount of such
530 reduction in outstanding or future obligations of the Contractor after October 1, 2010 has been
531 computed by the Contracting Officer, and as computed, such amount is set forth in Exhibit "D".

532 (d) Prior to October 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall
533 make available to the Contractor an estimate of the Rates and Tiered Pricing Component for
534 Project Water for the following Year and the computations and cost allocations upon which those
535 Rates are based. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two (2) months to review and
536 comment on such computations and cost allocations. By December 31 of each Calendar Year,
537 the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor with the final Rates and Tiered Pricing
538 Component to be in effect for the upcoming Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B".
539 The O&M component of the Rate may be reduced as provided in the SJRRSA.

540 (e) Before March 1 and again before July 1 of each Year, the Contractor shall
541 pay to the United States, at the Rates and Charges provided in subdivision (a) of this Article of
542 this Contract, for one-half (1/2) of the Delivered Water (i.e. 12,000 acre-feet) regardless of the
543 quantity of Irrigation Water and Other Water actually made available to the Contractor during
544 the Year.

545 (f) Omitted.

546 (g) Omitted.

547 (h) Payments to be made by the Contractor to the United States under this
548 Contract may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractor.

549 (i) All revenues received by the United States from the Contractor relating to
550 the delivery of Project Water or the delivery of non-project water through Project facilities shall
551 be allocated and applied in accordance with Federal Reclamation law and the associated rules or
552 regulations, the then-existing Project Ratesetting policies for M&I water or Irrigation Water, and
553 consistent with the SJRRSA.

554 (j) The Contracting Officer shall keep its accounts, pertaining to the
555 administration of the financial terms and conditions of its long-term contracts, in accordance
556 with applicable Federal standards so as to reflect the application of Project costs and revenues.
557 The Contracting Officer shall, each Year upon request of the Contractor, provide to the
558 Contractor a detailed accounting of all Project and Contractor expense allocations, the
559 disposition of all Project and Contractor revenues, and a summary of all water delivery
560 information. The Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall enter into good faith negotiations
561 to resolve any discrepancies or disputes relating to accountings, reports, or information.

562 (k) The parties acknowledge and agree that the efficient administration of this
563 Contract is their mutual goal. Recognizing that experience has demonstrated that mechanisms,
564 policies, and procedures used for establishing Rates, Charges, Tiered Pricing Components,
565 and/or for making and allocating payments, other than those set forth in this Article of this

Contract, may be in the mutual best interest of the parties, it is expressly agreed that the parties may enter into agreements to modify the mechanisms, policies, and procedures for any of those purposes while this Contract is in effect without amending this Contract.

(l) (1) For tiered pricing calculation purposes, the amount of Delivered Water in excess of eighty percent (80) but less than or equal to ninety percent (90) of Water Delivered shall remain fixed at 2,400 acre-feet per Year and the applicable Tiered Pricing Component on this 2,400 acre-feet shall equal one-half of the difference between the Rate established under subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract and the Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate, or M&I Full Cost Water Rate, whichever is applicable. Likewise, the amount of Delivered Water in excess of ninety percent (90) of Water Delivered shall remain fixed at 2,400 acre-feet per Year and the applicable Tiered Pricing Component on this 2,400 acre-feet shall equal the difference between (i) the Rate established under subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract and (ii) the Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate or M&I Full Cost Water Rate, whichever is applicable. Before July 1 of each Year the Contractor shall make payment to the United States equal to the sum of the multiplication products of the applicable Tiered Pricing Component and such 2,400 acre-feet amounts.

(2) Subject to the Contracting Officer's written approval, the Contractor may request and receive an exemption from such Tiered Pricing Components for Project Water delivered pursuant to this Contract to produce a crop which the Contracting Officer determines will provide significant and quantifiable habitat values for waterfowl in fields where the water is used and the crops are produced; Provided, That the exemption from the

587 Tiered Pricing Components for Irrigation Water shall apply only if such habitat values can be
588 assured consistent with the purposes of CVPIA through binding agreements executed with or
589 approved by the Contracting Officer prior to use of such water.

590 (3) For purposes of determining the applicability of the Tiered Pricing
591 Components pursuant to this Article of this Contract, Water Delivered shall include Project
592 Water that the Contractor transfers to others but shall not include Project Water transferred and
593 delivered to the Contractor.

594 (m) Rates under the respective ratesetting policies will be established to
595 recover only reimbursable O&M (including any deficits) costs of the Project, as those terms are
596 used in the then-existing Project ratesetting policies, and consistent with the SJRRSA, and
597 interest, where appropriate, except in instances where a minimum Rate is applicable in
598 accordance with the relevant Project ratesetting policy. Changes of significance in practices
599 which implement the Contracting Officer's ratesetting policies will not be implemented until the
600 Contracting Officer has provided the Contractor an opportunity to discuss the nature, need, and
601 impact of the proposed change.

602 (n) Except as provided in subsections 3405(a)(1)(B) and 3405(f) of the
603 CVPIA, the Rates for Project Water transferred by the Contractor shall be the Contractor's Rates
604 adjusted upward or downward to reflect the changed costs of delivery (if any) incurred by the
605 Contracting Officer in the delivery of the transferred Project Water to the transferee's point of
606 delivery in accordance with the then-existing Central Valley Project Ratesetting Policy.

607 (o) Pursuant to the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), the Contracting
608 Officer is authorized to adjust determinations of ability to pay every five (5) years.

609 NON-INTEREST BEARING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DEFICITS

610 8. The Contractor and the Contracting Officer concur that, as of the effective date of
611 this Contract, the Contractor has no non-interest bearing operation and maintenance deficits and
612 therefore shall have no further liability.

613 RECOVERED WATER ACCOUNT

614 9. Omitted.

615 SALES, TRANSFERS, AND EXCHANGES OF WATER

616 10. (a) The right to receive Project Water provided for in this Contract may be
617 sold, transferred, or exchanged to others for reasonable and beneficial uses within the State of
618 California if such sale, transfer, or exchange is authorized by applicable Federal and State laws,
619 and applicable guidelines or regulations then in effect. No sale, transfer, or exchange of Project
620 Water under this Contract may take place without the prior written approval of the Contracting
621 Officer. No such Project Water sales, transfers, or exchanges shall be approved, where approval
622 is required, absent compliance with appropriate environmental documentation including but not
623 limited to the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act. Such
624 environmental documentation must include, as appropriate, an analysis of groundwater impacts
625 and economic and social effects, including environmental justice, of the proposed Project Water
626 sales, transfers and exchanges on both the transferor/exchanger and transferee/exchange
627 recipient.

628 (b) Omitted.

629 (c) Omitted.

630 (d) Omitted.

631 (e) Omitted

632 (f) Omitted.

633 (1) Omitted.

634 (2) Omitted.

635 (3) Omitted.

636 (4) Omitted.

637 (g) Upon complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the Contractor,
638 and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, in the case
639 of a sale or transfer of Irrigation Water to another contractor which is otherwise subject to the
640 acreage limitations, reporting and Full Cost pricing provisions of the RRA, such sold or
641 transferred Irrigation Water shall not be subject to such RRA provisions, however, in the case of
642 a sale or transfer of Irrigation Water to the Contractor from another contractor which is subject to
643 RRA provisions, such RRA provisions shall apply to delivery of such water.

644 APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

645 11. (a) The amount of any overpayment by the Contractor of the Contractor's
646 O&M, Capital, and deficit (if any) obligations for the Year shall be applied first to any current
647 liabilities of the Contractor arising out of this Contract then due and payable. Overpayments of
648 more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) shall be refunded at the Contractor's request. In lieu

of a refund, any amount of such overpayment, at the option of the Contractor, may be credited against amounts to become due to the United States by the Contractor. With respect to overpayment, such refund or adjustment shall constitute the sole remedy of the Contractor or anyone having or claiming to have the right to the use of any of the Project Water supply provided for herein. All credits and refunds of overpayments shall be made within thirty (30) days of the Contracting Officer obtaining direction as to how to credit or refund such overpayment in response to the notice to the Contractor that it has finalized the accounts for the Year in which the overpayment was made.

(b) All advances for miscellaneous costs incurred for work requested by the Contractor pursuant to Article 26 of this Contract shall be adjusted to reflect the actual costs when the work has been completed. If the advances exceed the actual costs incurred, the difference will be refunded to the Contractor. If the actual costs exceed the Contractor's advances, the Contractor will be billed for the additional costs pursuant to Article 26 of this Contract.

TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS—RETURN FLOWS

12. (a) The Contracting Officer shall make all reasonable efforts to optimize delivery of the Contract Total subject to: (i) the authorized purposes and priorities of the Project; (ii) the requirements of Federal law and the Settlement; and (iii) the obligations of the United States under existing contracts, or renewals thereof, providing for water deliveries from the Project.

669 (b) The Contracting Officer may temporarily discontinue or reduce the
670 quantity of Project Water delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract as herein provided
671 for the purposes of investigation, inspection, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any of the
672 Project facilities or any part thereof necessary for the delivery of Project Water to the Contractor,
673 but so far as feasible the Contracting Officer will give the Contractor due notice in advance of
674 such temporary discontinuance or reduction, except in case of emergency, in which case no
675 notice need be given; Provided, That the United States shall use its best efforts to avoid any
676 discontinuance or reduction in such service. Upon resumption of service after such reduction or
677 discontinuance, and if requested by the Contractor, the United States will, if possible, deliver the
678 quantity of Project Water which would have been delivered hereunder in the absence of such
679 discontinuance or reduction.

680 (c) The United States reserves the right to all seepage and return flow water
681 derived from Project Water delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract which escapes
682 or is discharged beyond the Contractor's Service Area; Provided, That this shall not be construed
683 as claiming for the United States any right as seepage or return flow to water being used pursuant
684 to this Contract for surface irrigation or underground storage either being put to reasonable and
685 beneficial use pursuant to this Contract within the Contractor's Service Area by the Contractor or
686 those claiming by, through, or under the Contractor. For purposes of this subdivision,
687 groundwater recharge, groundwater banking and all similar groundwater activities will be
688 deemed to be underground storage.

CONSTRAINTS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER

13. If there is a reduction in total water supply because of errors in physical operations of the Project, drought, other physical causes beyond the control of the Contracting Officer or actions taken by the Contracting Officer to meet legal obligations then, except as provided in subdivision (a) of Article 19 of this Contract, no liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising therefrom.

UNAVOIDABLE GROUNDWATER PERCOLATION

14. To the extent applicable, the Contractor shall not be deemed to have delivered Irrigation Water to Excess Lands and Ineligible Lands within the meaning of this Contract if such lands are irrigated with groundwater that reaches the underground strata as an unavoidable result of the delivery of Irrigation Water by the Contractor to Eligible Lands.

ACREAGE LIMITATION

15. (a) Notwithstanding the application of the acreage limitation provisions to activities referred to in subdivision (b) of this Article, subdivision (a) of Article 16, and Article 18 of this Contract, upon complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the Contractor, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, the provisions of section 213(a) and (b) of the RRA shall apply to lands in the Contractor's Service Area, with the effect that acreage limitations, reporting, and Full Cost pricing provisions of the RRA shall no longer apply to lands in the Contractor's Service Area with respect to Project Water delivered pursuant to this Contract. Upon receiving the complete payment of the Repayment Obligation

710 from the Contractor, Reclamation will conduct a final water district review for the purpose of
711 determining compliance with the acreage limitations, reporting, and Full Cost pricing provisions
712 of the RRA from the date of the last water district review until the date when payment to
713 Reclamation of the Repayment Obligation is completed.

714 (b) Project Water now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor through
715 a separate contract, other than this Contract, that is subject to Federal Reclamation law, may be
716 delivered to lands within the Contractor's Service Area. Upon complete payment of the
717 Repayment Obligation by the Contractor, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation
718 that may later be established, Project Water delivered under this Contract may be mixed with
719 Project Water delivered pursuant to a contract with the United States, other than this Contract, to
720 which acreage limitations, reporting, and the Full Cost pricing provisions of Federal Reclamation
721 law apply without causing the application of the acreage limitations, reporting, and the Full Cost
722 pricing provisions of Federal Reclamation law to the Project Water delivered pursuant to this
723 Contract; Provided, The terms and conditions in such other contract shall continue to apply, and
724 if such terms and conditions so require, the lands to receive Project Water under such other
725 contract shall be properly designated by the Contractor and such Project Water is to be delivered
726 in accordance with the RRA including any applicable acreage limitations, reporting, and the Full
727 Cost pricing provisions.

728 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL RECLAMATION LAWS

729 16. (a) The parties agree that the delivery of irrigation water or use of Federal
730 facilities pursuant to this Contract is subject to Federal Reclamation law, including but not
731 limited to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390 aa *et seq.*), as amended and
732 supplemented, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under
733 Federal Reclamation law.

(b) The terms of this Contract are subject to the Settlement and the SJRRSA.

Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted to limit or interfere with the full implementation of the Settlement and the SJRRSA.

PROTECTION OF WATER AND AIR QUALITY

17. (a) Project facilities used to make available and deliver water to the Contractor shall be operated and maintained in the most practical manner to maintain the quality of the water at the highest level possible as determined by the Contracting Officer: *Provided, That* the United States does not warrant the quality of the water delivered to the Contractor and is under no obligation to furnish or construct water treatment facilities to maintain or improve the quality of water delivered to the Contractor.

(b) The Contractor shall comply with all applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California; and shall obtain all required permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities necessary for the delivery of water by the Contractor; and shall be responsible for compliance with all Federal, State, and local water quality standards applicable to surface and subsurface drainage and/or discharges generated through the use of Federal or Contractor facilities or project water provided by the Contractor within the Contractor's Project Water Service Area.

(c) This article shall not affect or alter any legal obligations of the Secretary to provide drainage or other discharge services.

WATER ACQUIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR
OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES

18. (a) Until complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the Contractor, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor other than from the United States and Irrigation Water furnished pursuant to the terms of this Contract may be simultaneously transported through the same distribution facilities of the Contractor subject to the following: (i) if the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation Water and non-project water were constructed without funds made available pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, the

762 acreage limitations, reporting, and Full Cost pricing provisions of Federal Reclamation law will
763 be applicable only to the Landholders of lands which receive Irrigation Water; (ii) the eligibility
764 of land to receive Irrigation Water must be established through the certification requirements as
765 specified in the Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations (43 CFR Part 426); and (iii) the water
766 requirements of Eligible Lands within the Contractor's Service Area can be established and the
767 quantity of Irrigation Water to be utilized is less than or equal to the quantity necessary to
768 irrigate such Eligible Lands. The Contractor and the Contracting Officer acknowledge that the
769 Contractor's distribution system that was constructed with funds made available pursuant to
770 Federal Reclamation law was, prior to effective date of this Contract, repaid in full but title to the
771 facilities has not been transferred to the Contractor. As such, when such facilities are utilized for
772 commingling Irrigation Water and non-project water, the acreage limitations, reporting, and Full
773 Cost pricing provisions of Federal Reclamation law will be applicable only to the Landholders of
774 lands which receive Irrigation Water.

775 (b) Upon complete payment of the Repayment Obligation by the Contractor,
776 and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, water or
777 water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor other than from the United
778 States pursuant to this Contract and Irrigation Water furnished pursuant to the terms of this
779 Contract may be simultaneously transported through the same distribution facilities of the
780 Contractor without the payment of fees to the United States and without application of Federal
781 Reclamation law to Project Water delivered pursuant to this Contract or to lands which receive
782 Project Water delivered to Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

(c) Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor, other than from the United States or adverse to the Project or its contractors (i.e., non-project water), may be stored, conveyed and/or diverted through Project facilities, other than Hidden Unit facilities, subject to the completion of appropriate environmental documentation, with the approval of the Contracting Officer and the execution of any contract determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary, consistent with the following provisions:

(1) The Contractor may introduce non-project water into Project facilities and deliver said water to lands within the Contractor's Service Area, including Ineligible Lands, subject to payment to the United States of an appropriate rate as determined by the Contracting Officer. In addition, if electrical power is required to pump non-project water, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary power and paying the necessary charges therefor.

(2) Delivery of such non-project water in and through Project facilities shall only be allowed to the extent such deliveries do not: (i) interfere with other Project purposes as determined by the Contracting Officer; (ii) reduce the quantity or quality of water available to other Project Contractors; (iii) interfere with the delivery of contractual water entitlements to any other Project Contractors; (iv) interfere with the physical maintenance of the Project facilities; or (v) result in the United States incurring any liability or unreimbursed costs or expenses thereby.

(3) The United States shall not be responsible for control, care or distribution of the non-project water before it is introduced into or after it is delivered from the

Project facilities. The Contractor hereby releases and agrees to defend and indemnify the United States and its officers, agents, and employees, from any claim for damage to persons or property, direct or indirect, resulting from Contractor's diversion or extraction of non-project water from any source.

(4) Diversion of such non-project water into Project facilities shall be consistent with all applicable laws, and if involving groundwater, consistent with any groundwater management plan for the area from which it was extracted.

(5) After Project purposes are met, as determined by the Contracting Officer, the United States and the Contractor shall share priority to utilize the remaining capacity of the facilities declared to be available by the Contracting Officer for conveyance and transportation of non-project Water prior to any such remaining capacity being made available to non-project contractors.

(d) Non-project water may be stored, conveyed and/or diverted through Hidden Unit facilities, subject to the prior completion of appropriate environmental documentation and approval of the Contracting Officer without execution of a separate contract, consistent with subdivisions (c)(1) through (c)(5) of this Article and any other condition determined to be appropriate by the Contracting Officer.

OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

19. (a) Where the terms of this Contract provide for actions to be based upon the opinion or determination of either party to this Contract, said terms shall not be construed as permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or

determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, expressly reserve the right to seek relief from and appropriate adjustment for any such arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinion or determination. Each opinion or determination by either party shall be provided in a timely manner. Nothing in this Article of this Contract is intended to or shall affect or alter the standard of judicial review applicable under Federal law to any opinion or determination implementing a specific provision of Federal law embodied in statute or regulation.

(b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this Contract that are consistent with the provisions of this Contract, the laws of the United States and the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor to the extent reasonably practicable.

COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

20. (a) In order to further their mutual goals and objectives, the Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with each other, and with other affected Project Contractors, in order to improve the operation and management of the Project. The communication, coordination, and cooperation regarding operations and management shall include, but not limited to, any action which will or may materially affect the quantity or quality of Project Water supply, the allocation of Project Water supply, and Project financial matters including, but not limited to, budget issues. The communication, coordination, and cooperation provided for hereunder shall extend to all provisions of this Contract. Each

846 party shall retain exclusive decision making authority for all actions, opinions, and
847 determinations to be made by the respective party.

848 (b) It is the intent of the Secretary to improve water supply reliability. To
849 carry out this intent:

850 (1) The Contracting Officer will, at the request of the Contractor,
851 assist in the development of integrated resource management plans for the Contractor. Further,
852 the Contracting Officer will, as appropriate, seek authorizations for implementation of
853 partnerships to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability.

854 (2) The Secretary will, as appropriate, pursue program and project
855 implementation and authorization in coordination with Project Contractors to improve the water
856 supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all Project purposes.

857 (3) The Secretary will coordinate with Project Contractors and the
858 State of California to seek improved water resource management.

859 (4) The Secretary will coordinate actions of agencies within the
860 Department of the Interior that may impact the availability of water for Project purposes.

861 (5) The Contracting Officer shall periodically, but not less than
862 annually, hold division level meetings to discuss Project operations, division level water
863 management activities, and other issues as appropriate.

864 (c) Without limiting the contractual obligations of the Contracting Officer
865 hereunder, nothing in this Contract shall be construed to limit or constrain the Contracting
866 Officer's ability to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with the Contractor or other

interested stakeholders or to make decisions in a timely fashion as needed to protect health, safety, physical integrity of structures or facilities, or the Contracting Officer's ability to comply with applicable laws.

CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

21. (a) The Contractor shall be subject to interest, administrative and penalty charges on delinquent installments or payments. When a payment is not received by the due date, the Contractor shall pay an interest charge for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. When a payment becomes sixty (60) days delinquent, the Contractor shall pay an administrative charge to cover additional costs of billing and processing the delinquent payment. When a payment is delinquent ninety (90) days or more, the Contractor shall pay an additional penalty charge of six (6) percent per year for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. Further, the Contractor shall pay any fees incurred for debt collection services associated with a delinquent payment.

(b) The interest charge rate shall be the greater of the rate prescribed quarterly in the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue payments, or the interest rate of one-half of one (0.5) percent per month prescribed by Section 6 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (Public Law 76-260). The interest charge rate shall be determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.

(c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount received shall be applied, first to the penalty, second to the administrative charges, third to the accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

22. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

900 (b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees
901 placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive
902 consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national
903 origin.

904 (c) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers
905 with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice,
906 to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of
907 the Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24,
908 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and
909 applicants for employment.

910 (d) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No.
911 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary
912 of Labor.

913 (e) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by
914 Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the
915 Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and
916 accounts by the Contracting Agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to
917 ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

918 (f) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination
919 clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be
920 canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared
921 ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in
922 Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and
923 remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 or by rule,
924 regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

925 (g) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in
926 every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the
927 Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24,
928 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor
929 will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the
930 Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for
931 noncompliance: *Provided, however,* that in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is
932 threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the
933 Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of
934 the United States.

GENERAL OBLIGATION—BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT

23. (a) The obligation of the Contractor to pay the United States as provided in this Contract is a general obligation of the Contractor notwithstanding the manner in which the obligation may be distributed among the Contractor's water users and notwithstanding the default of individual water users in their obligations to the Contractor.

(b) The payment of charges becoming due hereunder is a condition precedent to receiving benefits under this Contract. The United States shall not make water available to the Contractor through Project facilities during any period in which the Contractor may be in arrears in the advance payment of water rates due the United States. The Contractor shall not furnish water made available pursuant to this Contract for lands or parties which are in arrears in the advance payment of water rates levied or established by the Contractor.

(c) With respect to subdivision (b) of this Article of this Contract, the Contractor shall have no obligation to require advance payment for water rates which it levies.

COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

24. (a) The Contractor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-112, as amended), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.) and any other applicable civil rights laws, as well as with their respective implementing regulations and guidelines imposed by the U.S. Department of the Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation.

(b) These statutes require that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. By executing this Contract, the Contractor agrees to immediately take any measures necessary to implement this obligation, including permitting officials of the United States to inspect premises, programs, and documents.

(c) The Contractor makes this agreement in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Contractor by the Bureau of Reclamation, including installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Contractor recognizes and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Article, and that the United States reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement thereof.

PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) (the Act) and the Department of the Interior rules and regulations under the Act (43 CFR 2.45 et seq.) in maintaining Landholder acreage certification and reporting records, required to be submitted to the Contractor for compliance with Sections 206 and 228 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1266), and pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18.

(b) With respect to the application and administration of the criminal penalty provisions of the Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(i)), the Contractor and the Contractor's employees responsible for maintaining the certification and reporting records referenced in (a) above are considered to be employees of the Department of the Interior. See 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).

(c) The Contracting Officer or a designated representative shall provide the Contractor with current copies of the Interior Department Privacy Act regulations and the Bureau of Reclamation Federal Register Privacy Act System of Records Notice (Acreage Limitation—Interior, Reclamation-31) which govern the maintenance, safeguarding, and disclosure of information contained in the Landholder's certification and reporting records.

(d) The Contracting Officer shall designate a full-time employee of the Bureau of Reclamation to be the System Manager who shall be responsible for making decisions on denials pursuant to 43 CFR 2.61 and 2.64 amendment requests pursuant to 43 CFR 2.72. The Contractor is authorized to grant requests by individuals for access to their own records.

(e) The Contractor shall forward promptly to the System Manager each proposed denial of access under 43 CFR 2.64; and each request for amendment of records filed under 43 CFR 2.71; notify the requester accordingly of such referral; and provide the System Manager with information and records necessary to prepare an appropriate response to the requester. These requirements do not apply to individuals seeking access to their own certification and reporting forms filed with the Contractor pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18, unless the requester elects to cite the Privacy Act as a basis for the request.

CONTRACTOR TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

26. In addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall pay to the United States, within sixty (60) days after receipt of a bill and detailed statement submitted by the Contracting Officer to the Contractor for such specific items of direct cost incurred by the United States for work requested by the Contractor

999 associated with this Contract plus indirect costs in accordance with applicable Bureau of
1000 Reclamation policies and procedures. All such amounts referred to in this Article of this
1001 Contract shall not exceed the amount agreed to in writing in advance by the Contractor. This
1002 Article of this Contract shall not apply to costs for routine contract administration.

1003 WATER CONSERVATION

1004 27. (a) Prior to the delivery of water provided from or conveyed through
1005 Federally constructed or Federally financed facilities pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor
1006 shall be implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the
1007 Contractor's water conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer to
1008 meet the conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established
1009 under Federal law. The water conservation and efficiency program shall contain definite water
1010 conservation objectives, appropriate economically feasible water conservation measures, and
1011 time schedules for meeting those objectives. Continued Project Water delivery pursuant to this
1012 Contract shall be contingent upon the Contractor's continued implementation of such water
1013 conservation program. In the event the Contractor's water conservation plan or any revised
1014 water conservation plan completed pursuant to subdivision (d) of this Article of this Contract
1015 have not yet been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet such criteria, due to
1016 circumstances which the Contracting Officer determines are beyond the control of the
1017 Contractor, water deliveries shall be made under this Contract so long as the Contractor
1018 diligently works with the Contracting Officer to obtain such determination at the earliest

1019 practicable date, and thereafter the Contractor immediately begins implementing its water
1020 conservation and efficiency program in accordance with the time schedules therein.

1021 (b) Omitted.

1022 (c) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a report on the
1023 status of its implementation of the water conservation plan on the reporting dates specified in the
1024 then-existing conservation and efficiency criteria established under Federal law.

1025 (d) At five (5) -year intervals, the Contractor shall revise its water
1026 conservation plan to reflect the then-existing conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating
1027 water conservation plans established under Federal law and submit such revised water
1028 management plan to the Contracting Officer for review and evaluation. The Contracting Officer
1029 will then determine if the water conservation plan meets Reclamation's then-existing
1030 conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under
1031 Federal law.

1032 (e) If the Contractor is engaged in direct groundwater recharge, such activity
1033 shall be described in the Contractor's water conservation plan.

1034 EXISTING OR ACQUIRED WATER OR WATER RIGHTS

1035 28. Except as specifically provided in Article 18 of this Contract, the provisions of
1036 this Contract shall not be applicable to or affect non-project water or water rights now owned or
1037 hereafter acquired by the Contractor or any user of such water within the Contractor's Service
1038 Area, including, without limitation, Prior-Rights Water. Any such water shall not be considered
1039 Project Water under this Contract. In addition, this Contract shall not be construed as limiting or

curtailing any rights which the Contractor or any water user within the Contractor's Service Area acquires or has available under any other contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY OPERATING NON-FEDERAL ENTITY

29. Omitted.

CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

30. The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of the United States under this Contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds. Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Contractor from any obligations under this Contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are not appropriated or allotted.

BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS

31. (a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including: the Contractor's financial transactions, water supply data, and Project land and right-of-way agreements; the water users' land-use (crop census), land ownership, land-leasing and water use data; and other matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require. Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this Contract shall have the right during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's books and records relating to matters covered by this Contract.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract, no books, records, or other information shall be requested from the Contractor by the Contracting Officer unless such books, records, or information are reasonably related to the administration or performance of this Contract. Any such request shall allow the Contractor a reasonable period of time within which to provide the requested books, records, or information.

(c) Omitted.

ASSIGNMENT LIMITED—SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED

32. (a) The provisions of this Contract shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this Contract or any right or interest therein shall be valid until approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(b) The assignment of any right or interest in this Contract by either party shall not interfere with the rights or obligations of the other party to this Contract absent the written concurrence of said other party.

(c) The Contracting Officer shall not unreasonably condition or withhold approval of any proposed assignment.

SEVERABILITY

33. In the event that a person or entity who is neither (i) a party to a Project contract, nor (ii) a person or entity that receives Project Water from a party to a Project contract, nor (iii) an association or other form of organization whose primary function is to represent parties to Project contracts, brings an action in a court of competent jurisdiction challenging the legality or enforceability of a provision included in this Contract and said person, entity, association, or organization obtains a final court decision holding that such provision is legally invalid or unenforceable and the Contractor has not intervened in that lawsuit in support of the plaintiff(s), the parties to this Contract shall use their best efforts to (i) within thirty (30) days of the date of such final court decision identify by mutual agreement the provisions in this Contract which must be revised and (ii) within three (3) months thereafter promptly agree on the appropriate revision(s). The time periods specified above may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Pending the completion of the actions designated above, to the extent it can do so

without violating any applicable provisions of law, the United States shall continue to make the quantities of Project Water specified in this Contract available to the Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Contract which were not found to be legally invalid or unenforceable in the final court decision.

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

34. Should any dispute arise concerning any provisions of this Contract, or the parties' rights and obligations thereunder, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Prior to the Contractor commencing any legal action, or the Contracting Officer referring any matter to Department of Justice, the party shall provide to the other party thirty (30) days written notice of the intent to take such action; Provided, That such notice shall not be required where a delay in commencing an action would prejudice the interests of the party that intends to file suit. During the thirty (30) day notice period, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Except as specifically provided, nothing herein is intended to waive or abridge any right or remedy that the Contractor or the United States may have.

OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

35. No Member of or Delegate to Congress, Resident Commissioner, or official of the Contractor shall benefit from this Contract other than as a water user or landowner in the same manner as other water users or landowners.

CHANGES IN CONTRACTOR'S SERVICE AREA

36. (a) While this Contract is in effect, no change may be made in the Contractor's Service Area or boundaries, by inclusion or exclusion of lands, dissolution, consolidation, merger, or otherwise, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.

1111 (b) Within thirty (30) days of receipt of a request for such a change, the
1112 Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of any additional information required by the
1113 Contracting Officer for processing said request, and both parties will meet to establish a mutually
1114 agreeable schedule for timely completion of the process. Such process will analyze whether the
1115 proposed change is likely to: (i) result in the use of Project Water contrary to the terms of this
1116 Contract; (ii) impair the ability of the Contractor to pay for Project Water furnished under this
1117 Contract or to pay for any Federally-constructed facilities for which the Contractor is
1118 responsible; and (iii) have an impact on any Project Water rights applications, permits, or
1119 licenses. In addition, the Contracting Officer shall comply with the National Environmental
1120 Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act. The Contractor will be responsible for all costs
1121 incurred by the Contracting Officer in this process, and such costs will be paid in accordance
1122 with Article 26 of this Contract.

1123 FEDERAL LAWS

1124 37. By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive its rights to contest
1125 the validity or application in connection with the performance of the terms and conditions of this
1126 Contract of any Federal law or regulation; Provided, That the Contractor agrees to comply with
1127 the terms and conditions of this Contract unless and until relief from application of such Federal
1128 law or regulation to the implementing provision of the Contract is granted by a court of
1129 competent jurisdiction.

1130 EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND

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MEDIUM FOR TRANSMITTING PAYMENT

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39. (a) All payments from the Contractor to the United States under this contract shall be by the medium requested by the United States on or before the date payment is due. The required method of payment may include checks, wire transfers, or other types of payment specified by the United States.

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(b) Upon execution of the contract, the Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer with the Contractor's taxpayer's identification number (TIN). The purpose for requiring the Contractor's TIN is for collecting and reporting any delinquent amounts arising out of the Contractor's relationship with the United States.

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40. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this Contract shall be deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Contractor, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Area Manager, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 "N" Street, Fresno, California 93721, and on behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Board of Directors of Madera Irrigation District, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637. The designation of the addressee or the address may be changed by notice given in the same manner as provided in this Article of this Contract for other notices.

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CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT

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41. The Contractor, after the execution of this Contract, shall promptly provide to the Contracting Officer a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of California, confirming the execution of this Contract. The Contractor shall furnish the United States a certified copy of the final decree, the validation proceedings, and all pertinent supporting records of the court approving and confirming this Contract, and decreeing and adjudging it to be lawful, valid, and binding on the Contractor.

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CONTRACT DRAFTING CONSIDERATIONS

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42. Articles 1 through 8, Articles 10 through 15, subdivision (b) of Article 16, Articles 18 through 20, subdivision (c) of Article 23, Articles 26 through 28, subdivision (b) of Article 31, subdivisions (b) and (c) of Article 32, Articles 33 through 34, subdivision (b) of Article 36, and Article 37 of this Contract have been drafted, negotiated, and reviewed by the parties hereto, each of whom is sophisticated in the matters to which this Contract pertains, and no one party shall be considered to have drafted the stated Articles.

1163 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract as of the day
1164 and year first above written.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL
FORM AND SUFFICIENCY
James E. [Signature]
OFFICE OF REGIONAL SOLICITOR
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By: *Wm R. Anaya*
Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region
Bureau of Reclamation

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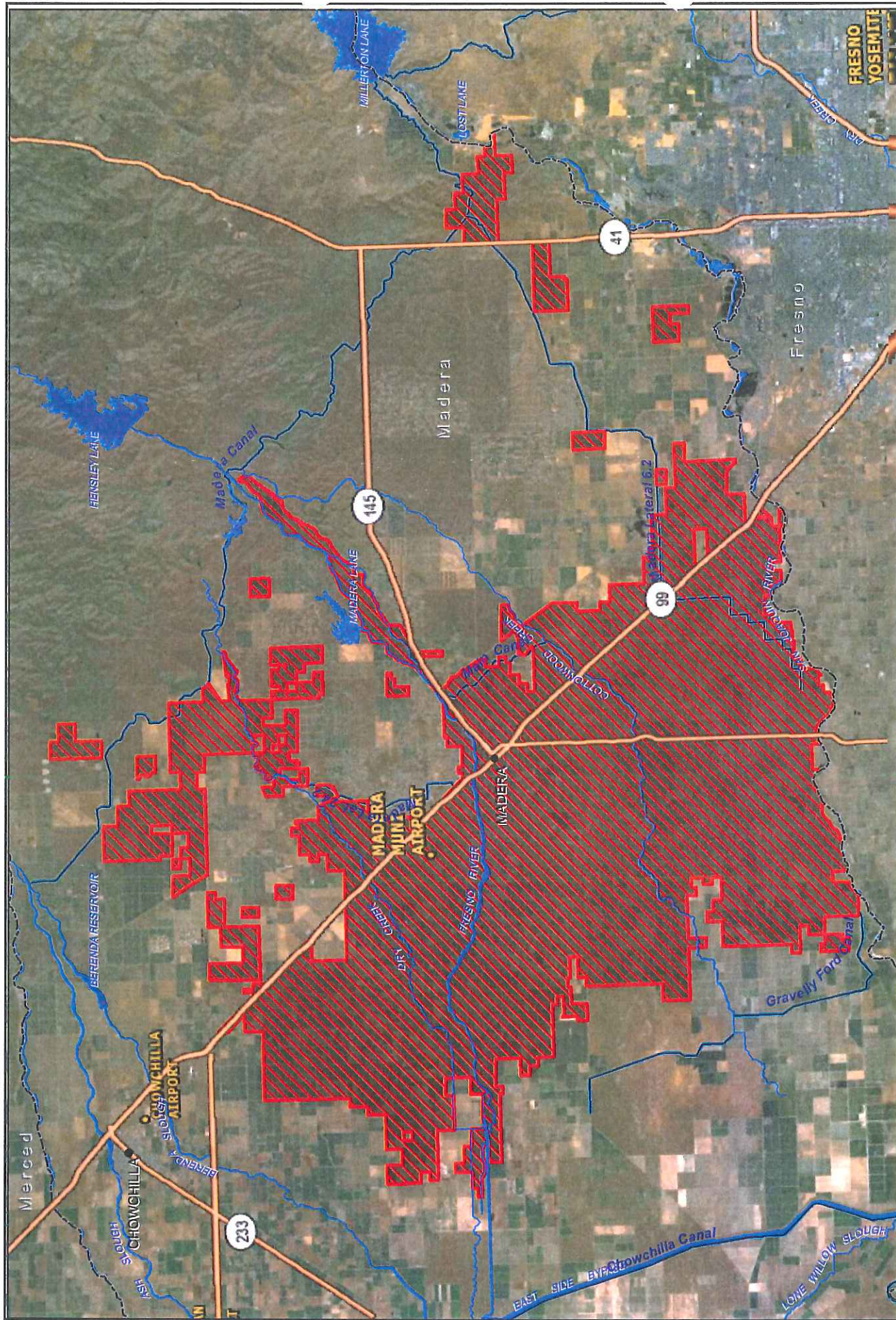


MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By: *Sanjiv [Signature]*
President, Board of Directors

Attest:

By: *Cynthia D. Rasero*
Secretary



Madera Irrigation District (Hidden Unit)

Contract No. 14-06-200-4020E
 Friant 9 (d) Repayment

- District Boundary
- Contractor's Service Area (IRRIGATION & OTHER)

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EXHIBIT B

Rates and Charges

This is a placeholder page. The Rates and Charges will be transmitted to the Contractor at a later date.

Exhibit C-1
Repayment Obligation - Lump Sum Option

Friant Contractor:
San Joaquin River Restoration Act

Madera ID - Hidden Unit

Existing Capital Obligation (Article 1(m))	\$	2,491,828.92
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Irrigation portion of Existing Capital Obligation	\$	2,491,828.92
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20yr CMT as of :	10/01/10	3.400%
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Discount Rate (1/2 20yr CMT)	1.700%
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Discounted Irrigation Capital	\$	2,097,480.66
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**Non-Discounted M&I Portion of
Existing Capital Obligation**

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Repayment Obligation - Lump Sum Option (per Article 7(a)(2)(A))			
		\$	2,097,480.66
Irrigation Portion of Allocated Capital Cost			
Year	Beginning Balance	Straight Line Repayment	
2011	\$ 2,491,829	\$	124,591
2012	\$ 2,367,237	\$	124,591
2013	\$ 2,242,646	\$	124,591
2014	\$ 2,118,055	\$	124,591
2015	\$ 1,993,463	\$	124,591
2016	\$ 1,868,872	\$	124,591
2017	\$ 1,744,280	\$	124,591
2018	\$ 1,619,689	\$	124,591
2019	\$ 1,495,097	\$	124,591
2020	\$ 1,370,506	\$	124,591
2021	\$ 1,245,914	\$	124,591
2022	\$ 1,121,323	\$	124,591
2023	\$ 996,732	\$	124,591
2024	\$ 872,140	\$	124,591
2025	\$ 747,549	\$	124,591
2026	\$ 622,957	\$	124,591
2027	\$ 498,366	\$	124,591
2028	\$ 373,774	\$	124,591
2029	\$ 249,183	\$	124,591
2030	\$ 124,591	\$	124,591
		\$	2,491,829

Exhibit C-2
Repayment Obligation - Installment Payment Option

Priant Contractor: Madera ID - Hidden Unit

Existing Capital Obligation (Article 1(m))	\$ 2,491,828.92
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Irrigation Portion of Existing Capital Obligation	\$ 2,491,828.92
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20yr CMT - 10/1/2010	3.400%
Discount Rate (1/2 20yr CMT)	1.700%

Non-Discounted M&I Existing Capital Obligation \$	-
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Installment Schedule			
	Payment Due Date	Irrigation Portion of Repayment Obligation	Non-discounted M&I Portion of Existing Capital Obligation
1st Installment	5/1/2011	\$ 537,252.89	\$ -
2nd Installment	5/1/2012	\$ 537,171.73	\$ -
3rd Installment	5/1/2013	\$ 537,723.30	\$ -
4th Installment	1/31/2014	\$ 538,704.36	\$ -
Total Repayment Obligation - Installment Option (per Article 7(a)(2)(A))		\$ 2,150,852.28	\$ -
			\$ 2,150,852.28

Irrigation Portion of Allocated Capital Cost									
Year	Beginning Balance		Straight Line Repayment		Discounted Capital Amount				
					\$537,252.89	\$537,171.73	\$537,723.30	\$538,704.36	
2011	\$ 2,491,829	\$ 124,591							
2012	\$ 2,367,237	\$ 124,591			\$ 124,591	\$ 98,427			
2013	\$ 2,242,646	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 69,335		
2014	\$ 2,118,055	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2015	\$ 1,993,463	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2016	\$ 1,868,872	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2017	\$ 1,744,280	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2018	\$ 1,619,689	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2019	\$ 1,495,097	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2020	\$ 1,370,506	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2021	\$ 1,245,914	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2022	\$ 1,121,323	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2023	\$ 996,732	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2024	\$ 872,140	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2025	\$ 747,549	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2026	\$ 622,957	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2027	\$ 498,366	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2028	\$ 373,774	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2029	\$ 249,183	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
2030	\$ 124,591	\$ 124,591			\$ 26,164	\$ 29,092	\$ 32,581	\$ 36,754	
					\$ 621,711	\$ 622,085	\$ 623,206	\$ 624,826	

Exhibit D
Computation of Financing Cost Offset

Friant Contractor:
San Joaquin River Restoration Act

Madera ID - Hidden Unit

20 yr CMT as of 10/1/2010	3.400%
1/2 20 yr CMT as of 10/1/2010	1.700%

Irrigation Portion of Existing Capital Obligation	\$2,491,829
NPV at Half CMT (Repayment Obligation)	\$2,097,481
NPV at Full CMT	\$1,786,874
Financing Cost Offset: @ (Article 7(c)(1))	\$310,607

Financing Cost Offset	\$310,607
2020 Other Obligation Credit (FV of difference) (Art. 7(c)(2))***	\$419,658

Irrigation portion of Allocated Capital Cost				
Year	Beginning Balance	Straight Line Repayment		2020 Other Obligation Credit Calculation (Art. 7(c)(2))
2011	\$ 2,491,829	\$ 124,591		\$ 310,606.73
2012	\$ 2,367,237	\$ 124,591		\$ 321,167.36
2013	\$ 2,242,646	\$ 124,591		\$ 332,087.05
2014	\$ 2,118,055	\$ 124,591		\$ 343,378.01
2015	\$ 1,993,463	\$ 124,591		\$ 355,052.86
2016	\$ 1,868,872	\$ 124,591		\$ 367,124.66
2017	\$ 1,744,280	\$ 124,591		\$ 379,606.90
2018	\$ 1,619,689	\$ 124,591		\$ 392,513.53
2019	\$ 1,495,097	\$ 124,591		\$ 405,858.99
2020	\$ 1,370,506	\$ 124,591		\$ 419,658.20
2021	\$ 1,245,914	\$ 124,591		
2022	\$ 1,121,323	\$ 124,591		
2023	\$ 996,732	\$ 124,591		
2024	\$ 872,140	\$ 124,591		
2025	\$ 747,549	\$ 124,591		
2026	\$ 622,957	\$ 124,591		
2027	\$ 498,366	\$ 124,591		
2028	\$ 373,774	\$ 124,591		
2029	\$ 249,183	\$ 124,591		
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	<u>\$ 2,491,829</u>			

Exhibit D
Computation of Financing Cost Offset

Footnotes

*** The difference represents the amount of financing costs. Pursuant to Section 7(c)(2), this amount shall offset the Contractor's other outstanding or future obligations. After 2020, the contractor's other obligations shall be reduced in the following order to fully offset this amount: 1) Payments or prepayments due for O&M expenses and, to the extent applicable, 2) Additional Capital Obligation.

@ Amount of Financing Cost Offset is computed using FPV of Financing costs adjusted to Yr 2020.

EXHIBIT E

Restated Contract¹

Irrigation and Other
Contract No. 14-06-200-4020E

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Central Valley Project, California

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE FROM
HIDDEN UNIT AND
FOR FACILITIES REPAYMENT

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5 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
6 AND
7 MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
8 PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE FROM
9 HIDDEN UNIT AND
10 FACILITIES REPAYMENT

11 THIS CONTRACT, made this 29th day of December, 2010, is entered
12 into pursuant to the Act of June 17, 1902, (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory or supplementary
13 thereto, including but not limited to: the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844), as amended and
14 supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented, July 2, 1956 (70
15 Stat. 483), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1262), October 27, 1986 (100
16 Stat. 3050), as amended, Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706), and Title
17 X, Subtitle A, of the Act of March 30, 2009 (123 Stat. 1349), also referred to as the San Joaquin
18 River Restoration Settlement Act hereinafter referred to as SJRRSA, all collectively hereinafter
19 referred to as Federal Reclamation law, between THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
20 hereinafter referred to as the United States and MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, hereinafter
21 referred to as the Contractor, a public agency of the State of California, duly organized, existing,
22 and acting pursuant to the laws thereof, with its principal place of business in California;

23 WITNESSETH, That

24 EXPLANATORY RECITALS

25 [1st] WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Central Valley
26 Project, California, for diversion, storage, carriage, distribution and beneficial use, for flood

control, irrigation, municipal, domestic, industrial, fish and wildlife mitigation, protection and restoration, generation and distribution of electric energy, salinity control, navigation and other beneficial uses, of waters of the Sacramento River, the American River, the Trinity River, and the San Joaquin River and their tributaries; and

[2nd] WHEREAS, pursuant to Title II of the Flood Control Act of October 23, 1962 (76 Stat. 1180), and supporting documents, the United States constructed Hidden Dam on the Fresno River (thereby creating Hensley Lake), hereinafter referred to as the Hidden Unit, which is operated by the Corps of Engineers for flood control, recreation and other incidental uses; and

[3rd] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor entered into Contract Number 14-06-200-4020A, as amended, providing the Contractor the right to the entire yield from the Hidden Unit available for conservation purposes from August 5, 1962 through February 28, 1994; and

[4th] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States have, pursuant to subsection 3404(c)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), subsequently entered into interim renewal contract(s), identified as Contract Number (s) 14-06-200-4020A-IR2, IR3, IR4, and IR5, which provided for the continued water service to Contractor from March 1, 1995 through February 28, 2001, and subsequently entered into a long-term renewal contract, identified as Contract Number 14-06-200-4020A-LTR1, which provided for continued water service to Contractor through February 28, 2026, which was amended January 22, 2007, and is herein referred to as the "Existing Contract"; and

47 [5th] WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8 of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), the
48 United States has acquired water rights and other rights to the flows of the Fresno River,
49 including without limitation the permits issued as the result of Decision 1407 by the California
50 State Water Resource Control Board pursuant to which the Contracting Officer develops, diverts,
51 stores and delivers Project Water stored or flowing through Hensley Lake in accordance with
52 State and Federal law for the benefit of the Contractor in the Hidden Unit and for other specified
53 Project purposes; and

54 [6th] WHEREAS, the water supplied to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract is
55 Project Water developed through the exercise of the rights described in the fifth (5th) Explanatory
56 Recital of this Contract; and

57 [7th] WHEREAS, as a result of litigation entitled “Natural Resources Defense Council,
58 et al. v Kirk Rogers, et al.” No. CIV-S-88-1658LLK/GGH, certain contractors from the Friant
59 Division entered into a Stipulation of Settlement dated September 13, 2006, (the “Settlement”),
60 which settlement prescribes a Restoration Goal and a Water Management Goal and which
61 Settlement was subsequently confirmed and implemented through the SJRRSA; and

62 [8th] WHEREAS, the SJRRSA authorizes and directs the Secretary to convert the
63 Existing Contract to a repayment contract under subsection (d) of Section 9 of the Act of August
64 4, 1939, no later than December 31, 2010, and further directs that such contract shall require the
65 accelerated repayment of the Contractor’s allocated share of construction costs, either as a lump
66 sum payment by January 31, 2011 or in annual installments by January 31, 2014, which funds
67 will in turn be made available for implementation of the Settlement and SJRRSA, and which

costs otherwise would have been payable through annual water rates, with full repayment by 2030; and

[9th] WHEREAS, such repayment of costs will assist the United States with implementation of actions required under the Settlement and the SJRRSA and provide the Contractor the benefits provided in Section 10010 of the SJRRSA; and

[10th] WHEREAS, subsection (4) of Section 1 of the Act of July 2, 1956 (1956 Act) directs the Secretary to provide that the other party to any contract entered into pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 9 of the Act of August 4, 1939 (repayment contract) or pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 9 of the Act of August 4, 1939 (water service contract) shall "have the first right (to which the rights of the holders of any other type of irrigation water contract shall be subordinate) to a stated share or quantity of the project's available water supply for beneficial use on the irrigable lands within the boundaries of, or owned by, the party and a permanent right to such share or quantity upon completion of payment of the amount assigned for ultimate return" by the contractor subject to fulfillment of all obligations under the contract; and

[11th] WHEREAS, among other things, this Contract includes provisions granting the Contractor the permanent right to the entire yield from the Hidden Unit available for conservation purposes as described in the tenth (10th) Explanatory Recital; and

[12th] WHEREAS, the Contractor has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the Contractor has utilized the Project Water supplies available to it for reasonable and beneficial use and/or has demonstrated projected future demand for water use such that the Contractor has the capability and expects to utilize fully for reasonable and

beneficial use the quantity of Project Water to be made available to it pursuant to this Contract;
and

[13th] WHEREAS, water obtained from the Central Valley Project has been relied upon
by urban and agricultural areas within California for more than fifty (50) years and is considered
by the Contractor as an essential portion of its water supply; and

[14th] WHEREAS, the economies of regions within the Central Valley Project,
including the Contractor's, depend upon the continued availability of water, including water
service from the Central Valley Project; and

[15th] WHEREAS, the Secretary intends through coordination, cooperation, and
partnerships to pursue measures to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability of the
Project for all Project purposes; and

[16th] WHEREAS, the mutual goals of the United States and the Contractor include: to
provide for reliable Project Water supplies; to control costs of those supplies; to achieve
repayment of the Central Valley Project as required by law; to guard reasonably against Project
Water shortages; to achieve a reasonable balance among competing demands for use of Project
Water; and to comply with all applicable environmental statutes, all consistent with the legal
obligations of the United States relative to the Central Valley Project; and

[17th] Omitted; and

[18th] Omitted; and

[19th] WHEREAS, the United States has determined that the Contractor has fulfilled all
of its obligations under the Existing Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants herein contained, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. When used herein, unless otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the intent of the parties as expressed in this Contract, the term:

(a) "Additional Capital Obligation" shall mean any additional construction costs or other capitalized costs incurred after the effective date of this Contract or not reflected in the Existing Capital Obligation as provided in Section 10010(a)(3)(B) of the SJRRSA and any amounts payable by Contractor as determined through the final adjustment described and required by Section 10010(b) of the SJRRSA;

(b) "Calendar Year" shall mean the period January 1 through December 31, both dates inclusive;

(c) "Charges" shall mean the payments required by Federal Reclamation law in addition to the Rates specified in this Contract as determined annually by the Contracting Officer pursuant to this Contract and consistent with the SJRRSA;

(d) Omitted;

(e) Omitted;

(f) Omitted;

(g) "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior's duly authorized representative acting pursuant to this Contract or applicable Federal Reclamation law or regulation;

(h) "Contract Total" shall mean the amount of Project Water to which the Contractor is entitled under subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract and is the stated share or quantity of Water to which the Contractor has a permanent right in accordance with the 1956 Act and the terms of this Contract, due to the Contractor's complete payment of the Repayment Obligation, notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, which right shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor fulfills all of its obligations under this Contract;

(i) "Contractor's Service Area" shall mean the area to which the Contractor is permitted to provide Project Water under this Contract as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which may be modified from time to time in accordance with Article 36 of this Contract without amendment of this Contract;

(j) "CVPIA" shall mean the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706);

(j2) "District Engineer" shall mean the District Engineer, United States Army Corps of Engineers, or his authorized representative;

(k) Omitted;

(l) Omitted;

(m) "Existing Capital Obligation" shall mean the remaining amount of construction costs of the Contractor identified in the Central Valley Project Irrigation Water Rates and/or Municipal and Industrial Water Rates, respectively, dated January 25, 2007, as adjusted to reflect payments not reflected in such schedule, pursuant to Section 10010(a)(3)(A)

of the SJRRSA. The Contracting Officer has computed the Existing Capital Obligation in a manner consistent with the SJRRSA and such amount is set forth in Exhibits "C-1" and "C-2", incorporated herein by reference;

(n) "Financing Costs", for purposes of computing the reduction of certain charges as specified in subdivision (c) of Article 7 of this Contract, shall mean the difference between the net present value of the Existing Capital Obligation discounted using the full Treasury rate and the Existing Capital Obligation discounted using one-half the Treasury ate, as set forth in Section 10010(d)(3) of the SJRRA;

(o) Omitted;

(p) Omitted;

(q) Omitted;

(r) "Irrigation Water" shall mean water made available from the Project that is used primarily in the production of agricultural crops or livestock, including domestic use incidental thereto, and watering of livestock. Irrigation water shall not include water used for the purposes such as the watering of landscaping or pasture for animals (e.g., horses) which are kept for personal enjoyment or water delivered to landholdings operated in units of less than five (5) acres unless the Contractor establishes to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the use of the water delivered to any such landholding is a use described in this subdivision of this Article of this Contract;

(s) Omitted;

(t) Omitted;

173 (u) Omitted;

174 (v) Omitted;

175 (w) "Operation and Maintenance" or "O&M" shall mean normal and
176 reasonable care, control, operation, repair, replacement (other than Capital replacement), and
177 maintenance of Project facilities;

178 (x) Omitted;

179 (y) "Other Water" shall mean water from the Project other than Irrigation
180 Water as described in subdivision (r) of this Article of this Contract, which is used for a purpose
181 that is considered to be an irrigation use pursuant to State law such as the watering of
182 landscaping or pasture for animals (e.g., horse) which are kept for the personal enjoyment. For
183 purposes of this Contract, Other Water shall be paid for at Rates and Charges identical to those
184 established for municipal and industrial water pursuant to the then-existing Municipal and
185 Industrial Ratesetting Policy;

186 (y2) "Prior-Rights Water" shall mean that portion of the inflow to Hensley
187 Lake which flows through or is released from Hidden Dam in recognition of prior downstream
188 Fresno River water rights of the Contractor and others, subject to any necessary new water rights
189 permit or permit revisions and in accordance with any applicable agreements relating to the
190 operation of the Hidden Unit and approved by the Contracting Officer and the State Water
191 Resources Control Board, as necessary;

192 (z) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United
193 States and managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation;

194 (aa) "Project Contractors" shall mean all parties who have a long-term water
195 service contract or repayment contract for Project Water from the Project with the United States
196 pursuant to Federal Reclamation law;

197 (bb) "Project Water" shall mean all water that is developed, diverted, stored, or
198 delivered by the Secretary in accordance with the statutes authorizing the Project and in
199 accordance with the terms and conditions of water rights acquired pursuant to California law;

200 (cc) "Rates" shall mean the payments determined annually by the Contracting
201 Officer in accordance with the then-existing applicable water ratesetting policies for the Project,
202 as described in subdivision (a) of Article 7 of this Contract and illustrated in Exhibit "B",
203 attached hereto;

204 (dd) Omitted;

205 (ee) "Repayment Obligation", as provided in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of Article 7
206 of this Contract, shall be the Existing Capital Obligation, as defined herein, discounted by
207 one-half of the Treasury rate and computed consistent with the provisions of Section
208 10010(a)(3)(A) of the SJRRSA to be paid as either a lump sum payment by January 31, 2011 or
209 in approximately equal annual installments by January 31, 2014;

210 (ff) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior, a duly appointed
211 successor, or an authorized representative acting pursuant to any authority of the Secretary and
212 through any agency of the Department of the Interior;

213 (gg) "Settlement" shall mean the Stipulation of Settlement dated September 13,
214 2006, the Order Approving Stipulation of Settlement, and the Judgment and further orders issued

by the Court pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Settlement in Natural Resources
Defense Council, et al. v. Rodgers, et al., No. CIV-S-88-1658 LLJ/GGH;

(hh) Omitted;

(ii) "Water Delivered" or "Delivered Water" shall mean Project Water
diverted for use by the Contractor at Hidden Dam, other than Prior-Rights Water, and for pricing
purposes shall be 24,000 acre-feet per Year;

(jj) Omitted;

(kk) Omitted;

(ll) Omitted;

(mm) "Year" shall mean the period from and including March 1 of each
Calendar Year through the last day of February of the following Calendar Year.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONTRACT

2. (a) This Contract shall become effective on the date first hereinabove written
and shall continue so long as the Contractor is making the annual payments required herein and
paying any other amounts owing under this Contract and applicable law, unless it is terminated
by the Contracting Officer by reason of a material uncured breach by the Contractor; Provided,
That the Contracting Officer shall not seek to terminate this Contract by reason of an asserted
material uncured breach by the Contractor unless it has first provided at least sixty (60) days
written notice of the asserted breach to the Contractor and the Contractor has failed to cure such
breach (or to diligently commence curative actions satisfactory to the Contracting Officer for a
breach that cannot be fully cured within sixty (60) days) within the sixty (60)-day notice period;

Provided further, That this Contract may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of the parties hereto.

(b) The Contractor has paid the Repayment Obligation, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, the tiered pricing component and the acreage limitations, reporting, and Full Cost pricing provisions of Federal Reclamation law, shall no longer be applicable to the Contractor.

(c) This Contract supersedes in its entirety and is intended to replace in full the Existing Contract; Provided, That if this Contract is terminated or determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason other than a material uncured breach of this Contract by the Contractor, the Existing Contract shall not be superseded and shall be in full force and effect.

WATER TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND DELIVERED TO THE CONTRACTOR

3. (a) During each Year, consistent with all applicable State water rights, permits, and licenses, Federal law, the Settlement including the SJRRSA, and subject to the provisions set forth in Articles 12 and 13 of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall make available for delivery to the Contractor the entire quantity of Project Water from the Hidden Unit for irrigation purposes. The quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractor in accordance with this subdivision shall be paid for pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of this Contract.

(b) The Contractor has paid the Repayment Obligation, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, the Contractor has a permanent right to the Contract Total in accordance with the 1956 Act and the terms of this Contract. This right shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor fulfills all of its obligations hereunder. The

257 quantity of water made available for delivery in any given Year shall remain subject to the terms
258 and conditions of subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract.

259 (c) The Contractor shall utilize the Project Water in accordance with all
260 applicable legal requirements.

261 (d) The Contractor shall make reasonable and beneficial use of all Project
262 Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract. Groundwater recharge programs,
263 groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs
264 utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted within the
265 Contractor's Service Area which are consistent with applicable State law and result in use
266 consistent with applicable Federal Reclamation law will be allowed; Provided, That any direct
267 recharge program(s) is (are) described in the Contractor's Water Conservation Plan submitted
268 pursuant to Article 27 of this Contract; Provided further, That such Water Conservation Plan
269 demonstrates sufficient lawful uses exist in the Contractor's Service Area so that using a
270 long-term average, the quantity of Project Water delivered, pursuant to this Contract, is
271 demonstrated to be reasonable for such uses and in compliance with Federal Reclamation law.
272 Groundwater recharge programs, groundwater banking programs, surface water storage
273 programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant
274 to this Contract conducted outside the Contractor's Service Area may be permitted upon written
275 approval of the Contracting Officer, which approval will be based upon environmental
276 documentation, Project Water rights, and Project operational concerns. The Contracting Officer
277 will address such concerns in regulations, policies, or guidelines.

278 (e) The Contractor, through this Contract, shall comply with requirements
279 applicable to the Contractor in biological opinion(s) prepared as a result of the consultation
280 regarding the execution of the Existing Contract undertaken pursuant to Section 7 of the
281 Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, as well as the requirements of any other biological
282 opinions applicable to Project Water delivery under this Contract, that are within the
283 Contractor's legal authority to implement. The Contractor shall comply with the limitations or
284 requirements imposed by environmental documentation applicable to the Contractor and within
285 its legal authority to implement regarding specific activities. Nothing herein shall be construed
286 to prevent the Contractor from challenging or seeking judicial relief in a court of competent
287 jurisdiction with respect to any biological opinion or other environmental documentation referred
288 to in this Article of this Contract.

289 (f) Omitted.

290 (g) Omitted.

291 (h) The Contractor's right pursuant to Federal Reclamation law and applicable
292 State law to the reasonable and beneficial use of the Contract Total pursuant to this Contract
293 shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor shall fulfill all of its obligations under this
294 Contract. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall affect the Contracting Officer's ability to
295 impose shortages under Article 12 or Article 13 of this Contract.

296 (i) Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract may be
297 delivered for purposes other than those described in subdivisions (r) and (y) of Article 1 of this

Contract upon written approval by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the terms and conditions of such approval.

(j) The Contracting Officer shall make reasonable efforts to protect the water rights and other rights described in the fifth (5th) Explanatory Recital of this Contract and to provide the water available under this Contract. The Contracting Officer shall not object to participation by the Contractor, in the capacity and to the extent permitted by law, in administrative proceedings related to the water rights and other rights described in the fifth (5th) Explanatory Recital of this Contract; Provided however, That the Contracting Officer retains the right to object to the substance of the Contractor's position in such a proceeding. Provided further, that in such proceedings the Contracting Officer shall recognize the Contractor has a legal right under the terms of this Contract to use Project Water.

(k) Omitted.

(l) Omitted.

(m) Nothing in this Contract, nor any action or inaction of the Contractor or Contracting Officer in connection with the implementation of this Contract, is intended to override, modify, supersede or otherwise interfere with any term or condition of the water rights and other rights referred in the fifth (5th) Explanatory Recital of this Contract.

(n) Omitted.

(o) Omitted.

RESERVOIR OPERATION – USE AND SALE OF WATER

4. (a) At the request of the Contractor, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the United States, acting through the District Engineer, shall store, regulate, and/or release all flows of Fresno River water at the Hidden Unit subject to the regulation of the Hidden Unit for flood control, as conclusively determined by the District Engineer, and further subject to Prior-Rights Water releases and the maintenance of a minimum pool of five thousand (5,000) acre-feet of water in Hensley Lake for recreational and incidental uses.

(b) Project Water delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be used as Irrigation Water or Other Water only and shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of for use outside the Contractor's Service Area without the written approval of the Contracting Officer.

POINT OF DIVERSION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER

5. (a) Project Water delivered, pursuant to this Contract, shall be delivered to the Contractor at Hidden Dam.

(b) Omitted.

(c) The Contractor shall not deliver Project Water to land outside the Contractor's Service Area unless approved in advance by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall deliver Project Water in accordance with applicable Federal Reclamation law.

(d) Project Water delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be measured and recorded with equipment furnished, installed, operated, and maintained by the United States at the point of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article of this

Contract. Upon the request of either party to this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall investigate, or cause to be investigated, the accuracy of such measurements and shall take any necessary steps to adjust any errors appearing therein. For any period of time when accurate measurements have not been made, the Contracting Officer shall consult with the Contractor prior to making a final determination of the quantity delivered for that period of time.

(e) The Contracting Officer shall not be responsible for the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Project Water delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract beyond the delivery point specified in subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify the United States, its officers, employees, agents, and assigns on account of damage or claim of damage of any nature whatsoever for which there is legal responsibility, including property damage, personal injury, or death arising out of or connected with the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of such Project Water beyond such delivery point, except for any damage or claim arising out of: (i) acts or omissions of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, with the intent of creating the situation resulting in any damage or claim; (ii) willful misconduct of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns; (iii) negligence of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns; or (iv) damage or claims resulting from a malfunction of facilities owned and/or operated by the United States.

(f) The Contractor shall maintain a surface water measurement program satisfactory to the Contracting Officer to provide for the operation of the Hidden Unit facilities without interference to established rights including correlative rights easterly of the

Eastside-Chowchilla Canal Bypass and keep records of data obtained from such program satisfactory to the Contracting Officer.

MEASUREMENT OF WATER WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA

6. (a) The Contractor has established a measurement program satisfactory to the Contracting Officer; all surface water delivered for irrigation purposes within the Contractor's Service Area is measured at each agricultural turnout; and Other Water delivered by the Contractor is measured at each service connection. The water measuring devices or water measuring methods of comparable effectiveness must be acceptable to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for installing, operating, and maintaining and repairing all such measuring devices and implementing all such water measuring methods at no cost to the United States. The Contractor shall use the information obtained from such water measuring devices or water measuring methods to ensure its proper management of the water, to bill water users for water delivered by the Contractor; and, if applicable, to record water delivered as Other Water. Nothing herein contained, however, shall preclude the Contractor from establishing and collecting any charges, assessments, or other revenues authorized by California law.

(b) To the extent the information has not otherwise been provided, upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall provide to the Contracting Officer a written report describing the measurement devices or water measuring methods being used or to be used to implement subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract and identifying the agricultural turnouts and the Other Water service connections or alternative measurement programs approved by the Contracting Officer, at which such measurement devices or water measuring methods are

380 being used, and, if applicable, identifying the locations at which such devices and/or methods are
381 not yet being used including a time schedule for implementation at such locations. The
382 Contracting Officer shall advise the Contractor in writing within sixty (60) days as to the
383 adequacy of, and necessary modifications, if any, of the measuring devices or water measuring
384 methods identified in the Contractor's report and if the Contracting Officer does not respond in
385 such time, they shall be deemed adequate. If the Contracting Officer notifies the Contractor that
386 the measuring devices or methods are inadequate, the parties shall within sixty (60) days
387 following the Contracting Officer's response, negotiate in good faith the earliest practicable date
388 by which the Contractor shall modify said measuring devices and/or measuring methods as
389 required by the Contracting Officer to ensure compliance with subdivision (a) of this Article of
390 this Contract.

391 (c) All new surface water delivery systems installed within the Contractor's
392 Service Area after the effective date of this Contract shall also comply with the measurement
393 provisions described in subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract.

394 (d) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the State of
395 California in writing by April 30 of each Year of the annual volume of Irrigation Water and
396 Other Water delivered within the Contractor's Service Area during the previous Year.

397 (e) Omitted.

RATES, METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER,
AND ACCELERATED REPAYMENT OF FACILITIES

7. (a) The Contractor's cost obligations for all Delivered Water shall be determined in accordance with: (i) the Secretary's ratesetting policy for Irrigation Water adopted in 1988 and the Secretary's then-existing ratesetting policy for municipal and industrial water, consistent with the SJRRSA, and such ratesetting policies shall be amended, modified, or superseded only through a public notice and comment procedure; (ii) applicable Federal Reclamation law and associated rules and regulations, or policies; and (iii) other applicable provisions of this Contract.

(1) The Contractor shall pay the United States as provided for in this Article of this Contract for the Delivered Water at Rates and Charges determined in accordance with policies for Irrigation Water and municipal and industrial water. The Contractor's Rates shall be established to recover its estimated reimbursable costs included in the O&M component of the Rate and amounts established to recover other charges and deficits, other than the construction costs. The Rates for O&M costs and Charges shall be adjusted, as appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of the SJRRSA.

(2) Omitted.

(A) Omitted.

(B) Project construction costs or other capitalized costs attributable to capital additions to the Project incurred after the effective date of this Contract or that are not reflected in the schedules referenced in Exhibits "C-1" and "C-2" and properly assignable to the Contractor, shall be repaid as prescribed by the SJRRSA without interest except

as required by law. Consistent with Federal Reclamation law, interest shall continue to accrue on the municipal and industrial portion of unpaid Project construction costs or other capitalized cost assigned to the Contractor until such costs are paid. Increases or decreases in Project construction costs or other capitalized costs assigned to the Contractor caused solely by annual adjustment of Project construction costs or other capitalized costs assigned to each Central Valley Project contractor by the Secretary shall not be considered in determining the amounts to be paid pursuant to this subdivision (a)(2)(B), but will be considered under subdivision (b) of this Article. A separate repayment agreement shall be established by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer to accomplish repayment of all additional Project construction costs or other capitalized costs assigned to the Contractor within the timeframe prescribed by the SJRRSA subject to the following:

(1) If the collective annual Project construction costs or other capitalized costs that are incurred after the effective date of this Contract and properly assignable to the contractors are less than \$5,000,000, then the portion of such costs properly assignable to the Contractor shall be repaid in not more than five (5) years after notification of the allocation. This amount is the result of a collective annual allocation of Project construction costs to the contractors exercising contract conversions; Provided, That the reference to the amount of \$5,000,000 shall not be a precedent in any other context.

(2) If the collective annual Project construction costs or other capitalized costs that are incurred after the effective date of this Contract and properly assignable to the contractors are \$5,000,000 or greater, then the portion of such costs properly

assignable to the Contractor shall be repaid as provided by applicable Federal Reclamation law. This amount is the result of a collective annual allocation of Project construction costs to the contractors exercising contract conversions; Provided, That the reference to the amount of \$5,000,000 shall not be a precedent in any other context.

(b) Consistent with Section 10010(b) of the SJRRSA, following a final cost allocation by the Secretary upon completion of the construction of the Central Valley Project, the amounts paid by the Contractor shall be subject to adjustment to reflect the effect of any reallocation of Project construction costs or other capitalized costs assigned to the Contractor that may have occurred between the determination of Contractor's Existing Capital Obligation and the final cost allocation. In the event that the final cost allocation, as determined by the Secretary, indicates that the costs properly assignable to the Contractor, as determined by the Contracting Officer, are greater than the Existing Capital Obligation and other amounts of Project construction costs or other capitalized costs paid by the Contractor, then the Contractor shall be obligated to pay the remaining allocated costs. The term of such additional repayment contract shall be no less than one (1) year and no more than ten (10) years, however, mutually agreeable provisions regarding the rate of repayment of such amount may be developed by the parties. In the event that the final cost allocation, as determined by the Secretary, indicates that the costs properly assignable to the Contractor, as determined by the Contracting Officer, are less than the Existing Capital Obligation and other amounts of Project construction costs or other capitalized costs paid by the Contractor, then the Contracting Officer shall credit such overpayment as an offset against any outstanding or future obligation of the Contractor,

consistent with the SJRRSA. This Contract shall be implemented in a manner consistent with Section 10010(f) of the SJRRSA.

(c) Prior to July 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor an estimate of the Charges for Project Water that will be applied to the period October 1, of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and the basis for such estimate. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two (2) months to review and comment on such estimates. On or before September 15 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing of the Charges to be in effect during the period October 1 of the current Calendar Year, through September 30 of the following Calendar Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B". Charges shall be subject to reduction consistent with the SJRRSA based upon the average annual delivery amount agreed to by the Contracting Officer and the Contractor.

(1) For the years 2020 through 2039 inclusive, outstanding or future obligations of the Contractor shall be reduced consistent with Section 10010(d)(2) of the SJRRSA. The amount of such reduction in outstanding or future obligations of the Contractor after October 1, 2010 has been computed by the Contracting Officer, and as computed, such amount is set forth in Exhibit "D".

(d) Prior to October 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall make available to the Contractor an estimate of the Rates for Project Water for the following Year and the computations and cost allocations upon which those Rates are based. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two (2) months to review and comment on such

computations and cost allocations. By December 31 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor with the final Rates to be in effect for the upcoming Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B". The O&M component of the Rate may be reduced as provided in the SJRRSA.

(e) Before March 1 and again before July 1 of each Year, the Contractor shall pay to the United States, at the Rates and Charges provided in subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract, for one-half (1/2) of the Delivered Water (i.e. 12,000 acre-feet) regardless of the quantity of Irrigation Water and Other Water actually made available to the Contractor during the Year.

(f) Omitted.

(g) Omitted.

(h) Payments to be made by the Contractor to the United States under this Contract may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractor.

(i) All revenues received by the United States from the Contractor relating to the delivery of Project Water or the delivery of non-project water through Project facilities shall be allocated and applied in accordance with Federal Reclamation law and the associated rules or regulations, the then-existing Project Ratesetting policies for municipal and industrial water or Irrigation Water, and consistent with the SJRRSA.

(j) The Contracting Officer shall keep its accounts, pertaining to the administration of the financial terms and conditions of its long-term contracts, in accordance with applicable Federal standards so as to reflect the application of Project costs and revenues.

The Contracting Officer shall, each Year upon request of the Contractor, provide to the Contractor a detailed accounting of all Project and Contractor expense allocations, the disposition of all Project and Contractor revenues, and a summary of all water delivery information. The Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any discrepancies or disputes relating to accountings, reports, or information.

(k) The parties acknowledge and agree that the efficient administration of this Contract is their mutual goal. Recognizing that experience has demonstrated that mechanisms, policies, and procedures used for establishing Rates, Charges, and/or for making and allocating payments, other than those set forth in this Article of this Contract, may be in the mutual best interest of the parties, it is expressly agreed that the parties may enter into agreements to modify the mechanisms, policies, and procedures for any of those purposes while this Contract is in effect without amending this Contract.

(l) (1) Omitted.

(2) Omitted.

(3) Omitted.

(m) Rates under the respective ratesetting policies will be established to recover only reimbursable O&M (including any deficits) costs of the Project, as those terms are used in the then-existing Project ratesetting policies, and consistent with the SJRRSA, and interest, where appropriate, except in instances where a minimum Rate is applicable in accordance with the relevant Project ratesetting policy. Changes of significance in practices which implement the Contracting Officer's ratesetting policies will not be implemented until the

Contracting Officer has provided the Contractor an opportunity to discuss the nature, need, and impact of the proposed change.

(n) Except as provided in subsections 3405(a)(1)(B) and 3405(f) of the CVPIA, the Rates for Project Water transferred by the Contractor shall be the Contractor's Rates adjusted upward or downward to reflect the changed costs of delivery (if any) incurred by the Contracting Officer in the delivery of the transferred Project Water to the transferee's point of delivery in accordance with the then-existing Central Valley Project Ratesetting Policy.

(o) Pursuant to the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), the Contracting Officer is authorized to adjust determinations of ability to pay every five (5) years.

NON-INTEREST BEARING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DEFICITS

8. The Contractor and the Contracting Officer concur that, as of the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor has no non-interest bearing operation and maintenance deficits and therefore shall have no further liability.

RECOVERED WATER ACCOUNT

9. Omitted.

SALES, TRANSFERS, AND EXCHANGES OF WATER

10. (a) The right to receive Project Water provided for in this Contract may be sold, transferred, or exchanged to others for reasonable and beneficial uses within the State of California if such sale, transfer, or exchange is authorized by applicable Federal and State laws, and applicable guidelines or regulations then in effect. No sale, transfer, or exchange of Project Water under this Contract may take place without the prior written approval of the Contracting

Officer. No such Project Water sales, transfers, or exchanges shall be approved, where approval is required, absent compliance with appropriate environmental documentation including but not limited to the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act. Such environmental documentation must include, as appropriate, an analysis of groundwater impacts and economic and social effects, including environmental justice, of the proposed Project Water sales, transfers and exchanges on both the transferor/exchanger and transferee/exchange recipient.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Omitted.

(d) Omitted.

(e) Omitted.

(f) Omitted.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Omitted.

(3) Omitted.

(4) Omitted.

(g) Notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, in the case of a sale or transfer of Irrigation Water to another contractor which is otherwise subject to the acreage limitations, reporting, and Full Cost pricing provisions of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the RRA, such sold or transferred Irrigation Water shall not be subject to such RRA provisions, however, in the case of

a sale or transfer of Irrigation Water to the Contractor from another contractor which is subject to RRA provisions, such RRA provisions shall apply to delivery of such water.

APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

11. (a) The amount of any overpayment by the Contractor of the Contractor's O&M, Capital, and deficit (if any) obligations for the Year shall be applied first to any current liabilities of the Contractor arising out of this Contract then due and payable. Overpayments of more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) shall be refunded at the Contractor's request. In lieu of a refund, any amount of such overpayment, at the option of the Contractor, may be credited against amounts to become due to the United States by the Contractor. With respect to overpayment, such refund or adjustment shall constitute the sole remedy of the Contractor or anyone having or claiming to have the right to the use of any of the Project Water supply provided for herein. All credits and refunds of overpayments shall be made within thirty (30) days of the Contracting Officer obtaining direction as to how to credit or refund such overpayment in response to the notice to the Contractor that it has finalized the accounts for the Year in which the overpayment was made.

(b) All advances for miscellaneous costs incurred for work requested by the Contractor pursuant to Article 26 of this Contract shall be adjusted to reflect the actual costs when the work has been completed. If the advances exceed the actual costs incurred, the difference will be refunded to the Contractor. If the actual costs exceed the Contractor's advances, the Contractor will be billed for the additional costs pursuant to Article 26 of this Contract.

TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS—RETURN FLOWS

12. (a) The Contracting Officer shall make all reasonable efforts to optimize delivery of the Contract Total subject to: (i) the authorized purposes and priorities of the Project; (ii) the requirements of Federal law and the Settlement; and (iii) the obligations of the United States under existing contracts, or renewals thereof, providing for water deliveries from the Project.

(b) The Contracting Officer may temporarily discontinue or reduce the quantity of Project Water delivered to the Contractor, pursuant to this Contract, as herein provided for the purposes of investigation, inspection, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any of the Project facilities or any part thereof necessary for the delivery of Project Water to the Contractor, but so far as feasible the Contracting Officer will give the Contractor due notice in advance of such temporary discontinuance or reduction, except in case of emergency, in which case no notice need be given; Provided, That the United States shall use its best efforts to avoid any discontinuance or reduction in such service. Upon resumption of service after such reduction or discontinuance, and if requested by the Contractor, the United States will, if possible, deliver the quantity of Project Water which would have been delivered hereunder in the absence of such discontinuance or reduction.

(c) The United States reserves the right to all seepage and return flow water derived from Project Water delivered to the Contractor, pursuant to this Contract, which escapes or is discharged beyond the Contractor's Service Area; Provided, That this shall not be construed as claiming for the United States any right as seepage or return flow to water being used pursuant

to this Contract for surface irrigation or underground storage either being put to reasonable and beneficial use pursuant to this Contract within the Contractor's Service Area by the Contractor or those claiming by, through, or under the Contractor. For purposes of this subdivision, groundwater recharge, groundwater banking and all similar groundwater activities will be deemed to be underground storage.

CONSTRAINTS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER

13. If there is a reduction in total water supply because of errors in physical operations of the Project, drought, other physical causes beyond the control of the Contracting Officer or actions taken by the Contracting Officer to meet legal obligations then, except as provided in subdivision (a) of Article 19 of this Contract, no liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising therefrom.

UNAVOIDABLE GROUNDWATER PERCOLATION

14. Omitted.

ACREAGE LIMITATION

15. (a) The Contractor has paid the Repayment Obligation, and notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, the provisions of section 213(a) and (b) of the RRA shall apply to lands in the Contractor's Service Area, with the effect that acreage limitations, reporting, and Full Cost pricing provisions of the RRA shall no longer apply to lands in the Contractor's Service Area with respect to Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract. Reclamation will conduct a final water district review for the purpose of determining

630 compliance with the acreage limitations, reporting, and Full Cost pricing provisions of the RRA
631 from the date of the last water district review until the date when payment to Reclamation of the
632 Repayment Obligation was completed.

633 (b) Project Water now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor through
634 a separate contract, other than this Contract, that is subject to Federal Reclamation law, may be
635 delivered to lands within the Contractor's Service Area. Notwithstanding any Additional Capital
636 Obligation that may later be established, Project Water delivered under this Contract may be
637 mixed with Project Water delivered pursuant to a contract with the United States, other than this
638 Contract, to which acreage limitations, reporting, and the Full Cost pricing provisions of Federal
639 Reclamation law apply without causing the application of the acreage limitations, reporting, and
640 the Full Cost pricing provisions of Federal Reclamation law to the Project Water delivered
641 pursuant to this Contract; Provided, The terms and conditions in such other contract shall
642 continue to apply, and if such terms and conditions so require, the lands to receive Project Water
643 under such other contract shall be properly designated by the Contractor and such Project Water
644 is to be delivered in accordance with the RRA including any applicable acreage limitations,
645 reporting, and the Full Cost pricing provisions.

646 RULES, REGULATIONS, AND DETERMINATIONS

647 16. (a) The parties agree that the delivery of water or the use of Federal facilities
648 pursuant to this Contract is subject to Federal Reclamation law, as amended and supplemented,
649 and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Federal
650 Reclamation law.

(b) The terms of this Contract are subject to the Settlement and the SJRRSA.

Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted to limit or interfere with the full implementation of the Settlement and the SJRRSA.

PROTECTION OF WATER AND AIR QUALITY

17. (a) Project facilities used to make available and deliver water to the Contractor shall be operated and maintained in the most practical manner to maintain the quality of the water at the highest level possible as determined by the Contracting Officer: *Provided, That* the United States does not warrant the quality of the water delivered to the Contractor and is under no obligation to furnish or construct water treatment facilities to maintain or improve the quality of water delivered to the Contractor.

(b) The Contractor shall comply with all applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California; and shall obtain all required permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities necessary for the delivery of water by the Contractor; and shall be responsible for compliance with all Federal, State, and local water quality standards applicable to surface and subsurface drainage and/or discharges generated through the use of Federal or Contractor facilities or project water provided by the Contractor within the Contractor's Project Water Service Area.

(c) This article shall not affect or alter any legal obligations of the Secretary to provide drainage or other discharge services.

WATER ACQUIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR
OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES

18. (a) Omitted.

(b) Notwithstanding any Additional Capital Obligation that may later be established, water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor other than from the United States pursuant to this Contract and Irrigation Water furnished pursuant to the terms of this Contract may be simultaneously transported through the same distribution facilities of the Contractor without the payment of fees to the United States and without application of

678 Federal Reclamation law to Project Water delivered pursuant to this Contract or to lands which
679 receive Project Water delivered to Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

680 (c) Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor,
681 other than from the United States or adverse to the Project or its contractors (i.e., non-project
682 water), may be stored, conveyed and/or diverted through Project facilities, other than Hidden
683 Unit facilities, subject to the completion of appropriate environmental documentation, with the
684 approval of the Contracting Officer and the execution of any contract determined by the
685 Contracting Officer to be necessary, consistent with the following provisions:

686 (1) The Contractor may introduce non-project water into Project
687 facilities and deliver said water to lands within the Contractor's Service Area subject to payment
688 to the United States an appropriate rate as determined by the Contracting Officer. In addition, if
689 electrical power is required to pump non-project water, the Contractor shall be responsible for
690 obtaining the necessary power and paying the necessary charges therefor.

691 (2) Delivery of such non-project water in and through Project facilities
692 shall only be allowed to the extent such deliveries do not: (i) interfere with other Project
693 purposes as determined by the Contracting Officer; (ii) reduce the quantity or quality of water
694 available to other Project Contractors; (iii) interfere with the delivery of contractual water
695 entitlements to any other Project Contractors; (iv) interfere with the physical maintenance of the
696 Project facilities; or (v) result in the United States incurring any liability or unreimbursed costs
697 or expenses thereby.

698 (3) The United States shall not be responsible for control, care or
699 distribution of the non-project water before it is introduced into or after it is delivered from the
700 Project facilities. The Contractor hereby releases and agrees to defend and indemnify the United
701 States and its respective officers, agents, and employees, from any claim for damage to persons
702 or property, direct or indirect, resulting from Contractor's diversion or extraction of non-project
703 water from any source.

704 (4) Diversion of such non-project water into Project facilities shall be
705 consistent with all applicable laws, and if involving groundwater, consistent with any
706 groundwater management plan for the area from which it was extracted.

707 (5) After Project purposes are met, as determined by the Contracting
708 Officer, the United States and the Contractor shall share priority to utilize the remaining capacity
709 of the facilities declared to be available by the Contracting Officer for conveyance and
710 transportation of non-project water prior to any such remaining capacity being made available to
711 non-project contractors.

712 (d) Non-project water may be stored, conveyed and/or diverted through
713 Hidden Unit facilities, subject to the prior completion of appropriate environmental
714 documentation and approval of the Contracting Officer without execution of a separate contract,
715 consistent with subdivisions (c)(1) through (c)(5) of this Article and any other condition
716 determined to be appropriate by the Contracting Officer.

OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

19. (a) Where the terms of this Contract provide for actions to be based upon the opinion or determination of either party to this Contract, said terms shall not be construed as permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, expressly reserve the right to seek relief from and appropriate adjustment for any such arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinion or determination. Each opinion or determination by either party shall be provided in a timely manner. Nothing in this Article of this Contract is intended to or shall affect or alter the standard of judicial review applicable under Federal law to any opinion or determination implementing a specific provision of Federal law embodied in statute or regulation.

(b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this Contract that are consistent with the provisions of this Contract, the laws of the United States and the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor to the extent reasonably practicable.

COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

20. (a) In order to further their mutual goals and objectives, the Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with each other, and with other affected Project Contractors, in order to improve the operation and management of the Project. The communication, coordination, and cooperation regarding operations and

management shall include, but not limited to, any action which will or may materially affect the quantity or quality of Project Water supply, the allocation of Project Water supply, and Project financial matters including, but not limited to, budget issues. The communication, coordination, and cooperation provided for hereunder shall extend to all provisions of this Contract. Each party shall retain exclusive decision making authority for all actions, opinions, and determinations to be made by the respective party.

(b) It is the intent of the Secretary to improve water supply reliability. To carry out this intent:

(1) The Contracting Officer will, at the request of the Contractor, assist in the development of integrated resource management plans for the Contractor. Further, the Contracting Officer will, as appropriate, seek authorizations for implementation of partnerships to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability.

(2) The Secretary will, as appropriate, pursue program and project implementation and authorization in coordination with Project Contractors to improve the water supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all Project purposes.

(3) The Secretary will coordinate with Project Contractors and the State of California to seek improved water resource management.

(4) The Secretary will coordinate actions of agencies within the Department of the Interior that may impact the availability of water for Project purposes.

(5) The Contracting Officer shall periodically, but not less than annually, hold division level meetings to discuss Project operations, division level water management activities, and other issues as appropriate.

(c) Without limiting the contractual obligations of the Contracting Officer hereunder, nothing in this Contract shall be construed to limit or constrain the Contracting Officer's ability to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with the Contractor or other interested stakeholders or to make decisions in a timely fashion as needed to protect health, safety, physical integrity of structures or facilities, or the Contracting Officer's ability to comply with applicable laws.

CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

21. (a) The Contractor shall be subject to interest, administrative and penalty charges on delinquent installments or payments. When a payment is not received by the due date, the Contractor shall pay an interest charge for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. When a payment becomes sixty (60) days delinquent, the Contractor shall pay an administrative charge to cover additional costs of billing and processing the delinquent payment. When a payment is delinquent ninety (90) days or more, the Contractor shall pay an additional penalty charge of six (6) percent per year for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. Further, the Contractor shall pay any fees incurred for debt collection services associated with a delinquent payment.

(b) The interest charge rate shall be the greater of the rate prescribed quarterly in the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue payments, or the interest rate of one-half of one (0.5) percent per month prescribed by Section 6 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (Public Law 76-260). The interest charge rate shall be determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.

(c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount received shall be applied, first to the penalty, second to the administrative charges, third to the accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

22. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

(c) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(d) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the Contracting Agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(f) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and

remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: *Provided, however*, that in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

GENERAL OBLIGATION—BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT

23. (a) The obligation of the Contractor to pay the United States as provided in this Contract is a general obligation of the Contractor notwithstanding the manner in which the obligation may be distributed among the Contractor's water users and notwithstanding the default of individual water users in their obligations to the Contractor.

(b) The payment of charges becoming due hereunder is a condition precedent to receiving benefits under this Contract. The United States shall not make water available to the Contractor through Project facilities during any period in which the Contractor may be in arrears in the advance payment of water rates due the United States. The Contractor shall not furnish water made available pursuant to this Contract for lands or parties which are in arrears in the advance payment of water rates levied or established by the Contractor.

(c) With respect to subdivision (b) of this Article of this Contract, the Contractor shall have no obligation to require advance payment for water rates which it levies.

COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

24. (a) The Contractor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-112, as amended), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.) and any other applicable civil rights laws, as well as with their respective implementing regulations and guidelines imposed by the U.S. Department of the Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation.

(b) These statutes require that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity

853 receiving financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. By executing this Contract, the
854 Contractor agrees to immediately take any measures necessary to implement this obligation,
855 including permitting officials of the United States to inspect premises, programs, and documents.

856 (c) The Contractor makes this agreement in consideration of and for the
857 purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or other
858 Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Contractor by the Bureau of
859 Reclamation, including installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for
860 Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Contractor recognizes
861 and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and
862 agreements made in this Article, and that the United States reserves the right to seek judicial
863 enforcement thereof.

864 PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE

865 25. Omitted.

866 CONTRACTOR TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

867 26. In addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor pursuant to this
868 Contract, the Contractor shall pay to the United States, within sixty (60) days after receipt of a
869 bill and detailed statement submitted by the Contracting Officer to the Contractor for such
870 specific items of direct cost incurred by the United States for work requested by the Contractor
871 associated with this Contract plus indirect costs in accordance with applicable Bureau of
872 Reclamation policies and procedures. All such amounts referred to in this Article of this
873 Contract shall not exceed the amount agreed to in writing in advance by the Contractor. This
874 Article of this Contract shall not apply to costs for routine contract administration.

875 WATER CONSERVATION

876 27. (a) Prior to the delivery of water provided from or conveyed through
877 Federally constructed or Federally financed facilities pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor
878 shall be implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the

Contractor's water conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet the conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law. The water conservation and efficiency program shall contain definite water conservation objectives, appropriate economically feasible water conservation measures, and time schedules for meeting those objectives. Continued Project Water delivery pursuant to this Contract shall be contingent upon the Contractor's continued implementation of such water conservation program. In the event the Contractor's water conservation plan or any revised water conservation plan completed pursuant to subdivision (d) of this Article of this Contract have not yet been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet such criteria, due to circumstances which the Contracting Officer determines are beyond the control of the Contractor, water deliveries shall be made under this Contract so long as the Contractor diligently works with the Contracting Officer to obtain such determination at the earliest practicable date, and thereafter the Contractor immediately begins implementing its water conservation and efficiency program in accordance with the time schedules therein.

(b) Omitted.

(c) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a report on the status of its implementation of the water conservation plan on the reporting dates specified in the then-existing conservation and efficiency criteria established under Federal law.

(d) At five (5) -year intervals, the Contractor shall revise its water conservation plan to reflect the then-existing conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law and submit such revised water

management plan to the Contracting Officer for review and evaluation. The Contracting Officer will then determine if the water conservation plan meets Reclamation's then-existing conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law.

(e) If the Contractor is engaged in direct groundwater recharge, such activity shall be described in the Contractor's water conservation plan.

EXISTING OR ACQUIRED WATER OR WATER RIGHTS

28. Except as specifically provided in Article 18 of this Contract, the provisions of this Contract shall not be applicable to or affect non-project water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor or any user of such water within the Contractor's Service Area, including, without limitation, Prior-Rights Water. Any such water shall not be considered Project Water under this Contract. In addition, this Contract shall not be construed as limiting or curtailing any rights which the Contractor or any water user within the Contractor's Service Area acquires or has available under any other contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY OPERATING NON-FEDERAL ENTITY

29. Omitted.

CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

30. The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of the United States under this Contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds. Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Contractor from any obligations under this Contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are not appropriated or allotted.

BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS

31. (a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including: the Contractor's financial transactions, water supply data, and Project land and right-of-way agreements; the water users' land-use (crop census), land ownership, land-leasing and water use data; and other matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require. Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this Contract shall have the right during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's books and records relating to matters covered by this Contract.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a) of this Article of this Contract, no books, records, or other information shall be requested from the Contractor by the Contracting Officer unless such books, records, or information are reasonably related to the administration or performance of this Contract. Any such request shall allow the Contractor a reasonable period of time within which to provide the requested books, records, or information.

(c) Omitted.

ASSIGNMENT LIMITED—SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED

32. (a) The provisions of this Contract shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this Contract or any right or interest therein shall be valid until approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(b) The assignment of any right or interest in this Contract by either party shall not interfere with the rights or obligations of the other party to this Contract absent the written concurrence of said other party.

(c) The Contracting Officer shall not unreasonably condition or withhold approval of any proposed assignment.

SEVERABILITY

33. In the event that a person or entity who is neither (i) a party to a Project contract, nor (ii) a person or entity that receives Project Water from a party to a Project contract, nor (iii) an association or other form of organization whose primary function is to represent parties to Project contracts, brings an action in a court of competent jurisdiction challenging the legality or enforceability of a provision included in this Contract and said person, entity, association, or organization obtains a final court decision holding that such provision is legally invalid or unenforceable and the Contractor has not intervened in that lawsuit in support of the plaintiff(s), the parties to this Contract shall use their best efforts to (i) within thirty (30) days of the date of such final court decision identify by mutual agreement the provisions in this Contract which must be revised and (ii) within three (3) months thereafter promptly agree on the appropriate revision(s). The time periods specified above may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Pending the completion of the actions designated above, to the extent it can do so without violating any applicable provisions of law, the United States shall continue to make the quantities of Project Water specified in this Contract available to the Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Contract which were not found to be legally invalid or unenforceable in the final court decision.

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

34. Should any dispute arise concerning any provisions of this Contract, or the parties' rights and obligations thereunder, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Prior to the Contractor commencing any legal action, or the Contracting

Officer referring any matter to Department of Justice, the party shall provide to the other party thirty (30) days written notice of the intent to take such action; Provided, That such notice shall not be required where a delay in commencing an action would prejudice the interests of the party that intends to file suit. During the thirty (30) day notice period, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Except as specifically provided, nothing herein is intended to waive or abridge any right or remedy that the Contractor or the United States may have.

OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

35. No Member of or Delegate to Congress, Resident Commissioner, or official of the Contractor shall benefit from this Contract other than as a water user or landowner in the same manner as other water users or landowners.

CHANGES IN CONTRACTOR'S SERVICE AREA

36. (a) While this Contract is in effect, no change may be made in the Contractor's Service Area or boundaries, by inclusion or exclusion of lands, dissolution, consolidation, merger, or otherwise, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.

(b) Within thirty (30) days of receipt of a request for such a change, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of any additional information required by the Contracting Officer for processing said request, and both parties will meet to establish a mutually agreeable schedule for timely completion of the process. Such process will analyze whether the proposed change is likely to: (i) result in the use of Project Water contrary to the terms of this Contract; (ii) impair the ability of the Contractor to pay for Project Water furnished under this Contract or to pay for any Federally-constructed facilities for which the Contractor is responsible; and (iii) have an impact on any Project Water rights applications, permits, or

licenses. In addition, the Contracting Officer shall comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act. The Contractor will be responsible for all costs incurred by the Contracting Officer in this process, and such costs will be paid in accordance with Article 26 of this Contract.

FEDERAL LAWS

37. By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive its rights to contest the validity or application in connection with the performance of the terms and conditions of this Contract of any Federal law or regulation; Provided, That the Contractor agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract unless and until relief from application of such Federal law or regulation to the implementing provision of the Contract is granted by a court of competent jurisdiction.

EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND

38. Omitted.

MEDIUM FOR TRANSMITTING PAYMENT

39. (a) All payments from the Contractor to the United States under this contract shall be by the medium requested by the United States on or before the date payment is due. The required method of payment may include checks, wire transfers, or other types of payment specified by the United States.

(b) Upon execution of the contract, the Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer with the Contractor's taxpayer's identification number (TIN). The purpose for requiring the Contractor's TIN is for collecting and reporting any delinquent amounts arising out of the Contractor's relationship with the United States.

NOTICES

40. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this Contract shall be deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Contractor, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Area Manager, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 "N" Street, Fresno,

California 93721, and on behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Board of Directors of Madera Irrigation District, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637. The designation of the addressee or the address may be changed by notice given in the same manner as provided in this Article of this Contract for other notices.

CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT

41. The Contractor, after the execution of this Contract, shall promptly provide to the Contracting Officer a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of California, confirming the execution of this Contract. The Contractor shall furnish the United States a certified copy of the final decree, the validation proceedings, and all pertinent supporting records of the court approving and confirming this Contract, and decreeing and adjudging it to be lawful, valid, and binding on the Contractor.

CONTRACT DRAFTING CONSIDERATIONS

42. Articles 1 through 8, Articles 10 through 15, subdivision (b) of Article 16, Articles 18 through 20, subdivision (c) of Article 23, Articles 26 through 28, subdivision (b) of Article 31, subdivisions (b) and (c) of Article 32, Articles 33 through 34, subdivision (b) of Article 36, and Article 37 of this Contract have been drafted, negotiated, and reviewed by the parties hereto, each of whom is sophisticated in the matters to which this Contract pertains, and no one party shall be considered to have drafted the stated Articles.

1035 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract as of the day
1036 and year first above written.